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BACK TO NORMAL

With this issue we will absorb most of the left-over convention material. The two numbers, September and October carry the greater portion of the report of Salisbury. They should be filed for reference throughout the year. Committees planning Convention Programs will find invaluable material and workers in the local League will find numberless ideas that will vary the local program.

We regret the omission of regular departments. Uncle Amos is getting restive over the many unanswered questions awaiting a chance with the printer. But next month we will hope to come back to normal again.

COOPERATE? SURE!

THE LUTHER LEAGUE CAMPAIGN is in full swing. Will all our units meet their quotas? Sure! That is the LUTHER LEAGUE WAY! If by any chance your League is not busy, there is time even now. Write to Mr. A. J. Arbogast, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and tell him to send you subscription blanks and sample WITHOUT DELAY. He will. Then you will go out and get subscribers.

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A Reformation Day Acrostic

By REV. CHARLES L. FRY, D.D.

Mstands for miner's son, lowly, obscure.

For Madam Cotta's help, friend
of the poor.

A for advances made, school after
school,

Yet none could satisfy his hungry
soul.

R means the Rome he regarded de-
vout

Reeking with rottenness, sicken-
ing his thought.

T tells of Theses nailed to the
Church door,

Echo, ye hammer-strokes, for-
evermore!

I means indulgences, sold for a
price!

As if forgiving sins were mer-
chandise!

N titled Noblemen, gathered at
Worms!

Such pompous Diet-scene bodes
no reforms.

L is the lion-heart nothing could
daunt,

Roused by the stern demand "Will
you recant?"

U means unterrified, forward he
strode,

"Here do I take my stand! So
held me God!"

T the translator's task next is his
sphere,

In Wartburg Castle walls
prisoned a year.

H stands for hymns he wrote, cate-
chisms, books

For "Hans and Gretchen," too,
with rosy looks.

E tells of Eisleben, birthplace and
death.

Rounding the circle out! First
and last breath!

R means Reformer brave, leader
like Paul!

Unto his God and ours, be praised
for all.

The Turn in the Road

CLARENCE D. DITTMER, President, Luther League
of America

Our President offers a challenge to YOU! He has given his best to the League. His credential is service. We may share the joy of conquest, as we share his service. The EDITOR.

Intimate knowledge of Luther League work from the Atlantic to the Pacific as well as the thousands of letters which I had received as Treasurer of the Luther League of America for the past five years, convince me of the latent, potential possibilities and importance of this great Luther League work. In this conviction I could not refuse to answer the call to become your leader. The pressure of other business and personal opportunities and responsibilities even though very insistent for first attention, seemed to be of less importance than this work which will mean so much to the future of our great Lutheran Church.

Hence, I accepted the challenge, and I shall endeavor to make effective the best plans and thought of our 39,000 Luther Leaguers of America. For the Luther League of America is *your* organization, and I as *your* leader must carry out your plans and make effective your thought. It is to you, therefore, that I must look not only for cooperation in the great undertakings of the Luther League, but for the ideas that should carry the League to heights that were previously unobtainable.

We have reached the "turn in the road."

We would never have reached the "turn in the road" unless the leaders of former days had been faithful to their tasks. There have been many of them; their number is almost as the sands by the seashore. A few of them are still with us. Some of them have gone to their "eternal reward." At the Salisbury Convention we heard the last news from our friend and co-worker, Dr. Arthur T. Michler. At the Baltimore Convention, he first interested me in Intermediate Luther League work and in its possibilities. O, for the faith and determination of those who first dreamed of the possibilities of Luther League work!

At the Salisbury Convention we reaped the fruits from the seeds which were planted by the Luther Leaguers of former days. Those amazing results were not primarily the results of the past administration; they

were the results of all the past. No wonder that the retiring president of the Luther League of America, Mr. Walter Banker, was overcome with emotion when making his farewell remarks to the convention, for there came again to his mind those days when he and his associates had remained faithful in spite of overwhelming difficulties. Our hearts are full of gratitude for such leaders. Their examples of devotion and vision should ever inspire us to faithfulness and accomplishment as we face the "turn in the road."

OUR FORWARD LOOK

The Salisbury Convention showed all of us the magnitude of our task. It made all of us tremble at the transcending importance of the Luther League. When the Luther League demonstrated by their united efforts in the Administration Building project at Andhra Christian College their power not only to reach their objectives, but actually to "oversubscribe" the Andhra project by more than \$5,000 (over and above all expenses), one could not help but be awed by the thought of the importance of consecrating this youth-power of the Church more fully to the cause of our Christ. As we face the "turn in the road" we are therefore impressed by the magnitude of our task, coupled with its importance.

Then, too, we are impressed with the inadequacy of our own strength. Young people nowadays have a tendency, as they live among so many miraculous developments, to assume that man can attain anything he determines to do. This feeling is only a half-truth. Young people should think further, for experience, study and observation have shown that only as man has sought to think the thoughts of the Great Creator, has he discovered the great laws of the universe.

Prayer naturally should be the soul center of our every-day lives. The Master Teacher felt its importance and necessity. The leaders of men in the past relied upon it. Why then should all of us not realize its absolute necessity in this present challenging, perplexing, and baffling age?

But our prayer in these days should not be a vain repetition of the prayers of the past, as they may come down to us in permanent form, but they should ever be the natural, spontaneous, spiritual seeking of our own souls. Then only can we find that joy and spiritual gratifi-

cation which enriches our lives and thought.

We were impressed at Salisbury as never before through the challenge of the addresses and through the contacts of personalities, with the all-sufficiency of our Christ. Not a mere human being, but a divine human being with the soul and spiritual insight of our God supremely and predominantly ruling His life.

Young people nowadays, like the young people of all ages, don't talk much about their spiritual life. That is a guarded portion of their life that only the sympathetic companion can enter reverently. But young people nowadays are still spiritually minded; and face to face with big problems they will bring to bear a deeper spirituality than perhaps was possible in previous ages.

We were further impressed at Salisbury with the vitality of the lives of our young people. Full of enthusiasm, life, energy, they demanded practical answers to their questioning: "What shall we do?"

These are the outstanding impressions as we come to the "turn in the road."

THE FUTURE

As we face around the "turn in the road," and as we look toward that bright future just ahead, we must constantly ask ourselves: "Whither goest thou?" Are we going back again by a circuitous path? Or are we going forward into higher realms of spiritual power?

The first thing we must keep in mind is that the Luther League of America is a training organization of the Lutheran Church of tomorrow. Already many of our Luther Leaguers are at work in the front trenches of our Church; others like our newly-elected Treasurer, John Greiner, are just now taking their places of leadership in the United Lutheran Church; others are moving up; others are waiting their call to advance toward the front. When the army moves to the front and gets into action, the real test for its training has come. When the Luther Leaguers of today become the leaders of tomorrow in our Lutheran Church, the real test for the Luther League has come.

There is joy in the accomplishments of the mass, but there should be greater joy in the accomplishments of the individual in his spiritual life. There should be a greater emphasis in the individual Luther League upon the importance of Bible study, church attendance and prayer. The recording of such performance is not sufficient. The re-

port at the Throne of Grace by our own conscience is the more important.

The second thing we must keep in mind is that we don't do everything alike. The important thing is that we should reach the same objective. The plans that are effective in one League may be ineffective in another. This defect (if you wish to call it such) is fortunate, because no one else can do our thinking for us; we must do it ourselves and for ourselves. We can use the same leadership ability in our own local Leagues as others use in State or National organizations.

The third thing we must keep in mind is that we are part of a great organization. We live not to ourselves; we live for the others. We have had too little interchange of information, literature and ideas in the past; we must profit by the best thought and attainments of others. Even though it may oftentimes be expensive, we must keep the others informed of what we are doing. We must all advance together. How can we advance unless we know what each regiment in the line is doing? At Salisbury for the first time we had every section of our country represented; each section felt the contagion of what had been accomplished by the other. Why should not Uncle Sam constantly keep us in touch with each other?

As a practical thought along that line, may I suggest that the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW can continue to be the best medium for the exchange of these ideas. It is our own paper; it exists for that purpose. But it loses much of its effectiveness because every Luther Leaguer in America doesn't receive it regularly.

The fourth, and final, thought we must keep in mind is that "just beyond the horizon" of your thinking and mine there are undeveloped abilities and results far in excess of anything that we have ever dreamed. Just picture, if you can, the York Convention, or even the Milwaukee Convention, and compare it with the Salisbury Convention. You, too, will exclaim: "How we have progressed!" Then, project for yourself on that rate of growth, what the Omaha 1929 Convention can be.

Then dream on and picture to yourself as you look around the "turn in the road" what could be accomplished if every Luther Leaguer and every Luther League were fully consecrated to this great task. "The best is yet to be—the years for which we have been working are just ahead. The world has yet to see what can be accomplished through one Luther League wholly consecrated to Him."

The Strock's Are Happy!

So Are We

DR. STROCK WRITES

Every giver to the Andhra project will want to read this good letter from the man who did most to make Andhra College a reality.

"Mrs. Strock and I had a most interesting letter this week from Mrs. McCauley in which she described the presentation of the cheques to Thomas at Salisbury at the Luther League Convention. She was all enthusiasm, not only about the presentation and the splendid way in which the whole thing came off but also about the Luther League and its most praise-worthy achievement in connection with the raising of so much money for the Andhra Christian College. I want to assure you and all the rest of you who had anything to do with the raising of this fund and also with the arranging of this most delightful programme that Mrs. Strock and I highly appreciate all the Luther League has done. We surely do rejoice with you in this unparalleled success. It seems to me that you have set a standard of achievement for the whole Church to follow. Except for the Women's Missionary Society, I wonder, whether it is not somewhat unusual for organizations of our Church to go over the top in the tremendous way in which the Luther League has. We are most grateful to God for the success that has been achieved and we praise Him for the way in which He has used the young people of America in this undertaking.

"I think that I told you hitherto that our student enrollment in the four college classes for this year is 607. I hope that all of the Luther Leaguers will understand that we want the interest and the prayers of every one for our faculty and our student body. Perhaps I ought to state that we have 29 on the faculty. The 607 are all college students and the four classes here correspond exactly to the four classes in American colleges. For the present, the Luther League will look upon our Guntur College as being really the Andhra Christian College. I regret that I have to report that the question of the permanent location is still in doubt. We had hoped that the whole thing would be settled in the August meeting of the Madras Legislature but on account of politics and vested interests a new factor has been injected into the situation and consequently it is now doubtful whether the matter can be settled in this

particular session. It may mean that the whole thing will be again postponed until November. All that we can do is to be patient, because it certainly would not be for the best interests of our college to go ahead until we are perfectly certain that the way is clear and that we know where we are going.

"I might also mention that there are 404 pupils in our High School Department. This High School Department is entirely separate from the college, even though some of the High School classes are held in one of our college buildings. There is a separate Principal for the High School Department—Mr. V. Ch. John, M.A., who is also a member of the Madras Legislature.

"With our kindest regards and very best wishes to you all, and with kind greetings to all Luther Leaguers from both Mrs. Strock and me,

"I am,

"Cordially yours,

"J. ROY STROCK."



WHAT MISSION STUDY BOOK?

Miss Scherer writes, suggesting that announcement be made that the book selected is "New Paths for Old Purposes." Let us have hundreds of classes this year. You can have a mission study class in *your* League.



FROM THE SALISBURY MINUTES

Andhra Christian College Administration
Building of the Luther League of
America

July 15, 1927

As They Qualified for the Honor Roll	Quotas	Payments	Per- centages
1. Southern California	\$ 200	\$ 227.68**	113
2. Illinois	1,300	1,300.70**	114
3. Michigan Synod	300	433.12**	144
4. Minnesota (\$500*)	450	618.10***	136
5. New York (\$5,000*)	4,000	5,016.26***	135
6. Maryland Synod (\$1,500*)	1,200	1,783.72***	149
7. Columbia Dist. (Oregon Wash.)	150	162.15**	110
8. Leagues Without State Org. (W. Va. \$20; N. Dak. \$15.36; S. Dak. \$40; Friend \$10; Mo. \$5)	65	90.36**	122
9. Indiana Synod	600	625.00**	104
10. New Jersey (\$500*)	300	422.00**	141
11. Kansas	400	435.58**	109
12. Iowa	300	317.35**	106
13. South Carolina	1,500	1,987.00**	132
14. Nebraska (\$750*)	600	802.53***	133
15. Wisconsin	700	704.61**	100½
16. North Carolina	2,000	2,261.12**	113
17. Nova Scotia	100	100.00†	100
18. Virginia (\$1,000*)	700	700.00†	100
19. Connecticut	300	300.00†	100

20. Pennsylvania (\$10,- 000*)	\$9,000	\$9,001.00**	100
21. Northern California.	200	205.00**	102
22. Texas	435	435.00†	100
23. Pacific Northwest... ..	150	150.00†	100
24. Ohio	2,000	2,232.07**	111
Interest to July 1, 1927		1,126.25	
		\$31,505.95	
Less total expenses during two years		1,346.19	
		\$30,159.76	
Transmitted to Foreign Mis- sion Board \$25,000 and \$5,000 "oversubscription"		30,000.00	

Balance on hand, July 15.. \$159.76

* Oversubscription goal.

** Oversubscribed quota.

*** Oversubscribed over subscription goal.

† Reached quota.

CLARENCE C. DITTMER, *Treasurer,*
Luther League of America.

GREETINGS EXCHANGED FROM SALISBURY

J. Henry Frick, President Lutheran
Group, International Christian Endeavor.
Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha, Nebraska.
Daniel A. Poling, President, International
Christian Endeavor.
Trinity Lutheran League, Victoria, Texas.
Rev. G. Franklin Gehr, Bethlehem, Pa.
J. L. Th. Heldwier Vignon, Curacao,
Dutch West Indies.

Dr. Oliver D. Baltzly and Walter A. Voss,
the two pastors of Kountze Memorial
Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Omaha,
Nebraska.

Marie C. Helzer, Secretary Lutheran League
of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

First English Lutheran Church, Benson,
Omaha.

C. O. Larmon, Secretary of the Church
Council, Kountze Memorial Lutheran
Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

J. George Dorn, Los Angeles, California.

D. A. Kommell, President Lutheran League
of Pennsylvania, Rochester, Pa.

Aug. Mesitor, President Ernestine Mer-
genthaler Society, Shiner, Texas.

E. Clarence Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.

Letters of greeting were received from
the following:

Raymond Wood, Golden Rule Ambassador
to the Near East in 1925, Columbia, S. C.
Gertrude Prigge, Jersey City, N. J.
Ethel M. Mosteller, Virgin Islands.
Mrs. M. Eleanor Frey, York, Pennsyl-
vania.

FEW READ 'EM

"Catch me, Perkins, I'm dizzy."

"Wassamatter?"

"I've been reading a circular letter."

Conference of Editors of League Publications

July 5, 1927—1:45 P.M.

At an impromptu and very informal meeting of
editors and those interested in Luther League pub-
licity work, the following League publications were
represented:

Allentown District
Iowa Index
York District Herald
Washington, D. C., News Letter
Berks District
New York State Mirror
Virginia Luther League Echoes
Baltimore District News Letter
New Jersey Mosquito
The Minnesota Extender
Michigan Nuggets
The Leaguers' Exchange (Maryland Synod)
Ohio State Bulletin
Pennsylvania State Bulletin
The Philadelphia Broadcast
Bethlehem Luther League Echoes (Harrisburg,
J. G. K.)

Luther Leaguer of Chicago.

At this meeting it was formally decided to estab-
lish a "Luther League Exchange" or in other words
to designate some one person to whom each editor
would send about 20 copies or more of his or her
paper and the "Exchange" would in turn collect
these 20 separate publications and mail them simul-
taneously, thus eliminating a large duplication of
work. The exchange to be established in all proba-
bility in Philadelphia, said exchange to be supported
by pro rata subscriptions by those participating.

This idea of an exchange was also concurred in
by representatives shown below who, while not at
the conference, subsequently signified their interest:

Ind-Ky-Tenn.—Indiana Synod paper
Columbia District Bulletin
Nebraska State Bulletin
California State Bulletin (pending).

After considerable discussion, as to methods, cost,
etc., the following facts were developed as the con-
sensus of opinion of those present:

1—It is desirable to distribute the Bulletins or
publicity on a free basis, no subscription charges—
cost being taken from regular receipts in dues, etc.

2—The majority of the Editors distribute their
papers to active Leaguers and officers only; a few
distribute them to every member.

3—The majority of the Editors mail their publi-
cations to the pastors in their territory, using this
medium to keep the clergy advised of the doings of
the young people and also thereby to keep before
them the works of the young people.

4—The majority of the Editors present use their
publications to a very considerable degree as aids in
their extension program, keeping on their mailing
lists many whose interest in League work is very
little and whom it is desired to interest in the Lu-
ther League.

All present admitted that this purpose—extension
—was very vitally served by our Luther League pub-
lications.

The time available being entirely inadequate to
properly discuss all questions of interest to those
present, the meeting broke up shortly after 2:30
P.M. in order to permit delegates to attend clos-
ing business sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN H. ECKARDT,
Chairman of Meeting.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

We welcome into the League family an-
other isolated League, belonging to Trinity,
Jackson, Rev. E. C. Counts, pastor. There
may be other Leagues located too far from
state organizations to become members that
would like to affiliate directly with the Lu-
ther League of America. We have a fine
roll of isolated Leagues now and will gladly
add to it. Write for information.

Sustaining Membership Fund Luther League of America

The Luther League of America has just held a great and enthusiastic National Convention at Salisbury, North Carolina, the greatest in its history. Those who were present, over five hundred registered delegates, and nearly a thousand, including visitors, know that it was a joyful, inspiring convention from beginning to end and will long remember it. It was a glorious manifestation of our Lutheran youth interested in their Church, and was shown not only by word but also by deed, in the gift of the \$30,000 check to the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America to build the Administration Building of the Andhra Christian College. The National Officers expressed their grateful appreciation for the generous response to their appeal for this fund. They also expressed their gratitude for the contributions received for the Sustaining Membership Fund, which during the past two years had made possible the spectacular progress of the League.

The sum needed in the Sustaining Membership Fund is \$10,000 annually. The amount has been apportioned among the states, and thus far about \$5,000 has been received this year. It is earnestly desired to secure the full amount by December 31, 1927, as the money is greatly needed in the enlarged work of the Luther League. A few of the States have met their full quota, but are not stopping with that. How then about the States that have not met their full quota? Let all states put forth the same spirit to meet it as was done in the case of the Andhra Christian College Fund! We can if we will!

The writer of this statement has been a contributor to the Sustaining Membership fund from its beginning and believes we should have an average of at least 2,000

Sustaining Members throughout the United States. He is a University alumnus and a member of several National organizations, as a result of which he is convinced that—

1. Asking \$5.00 a year per member from adult Luther Leaguers who have a fair income (i. e., such as allows you to go to a show now and then, which is a luxury according to United States tax law) is not asking too much; it is helping your Church, and thus is also an investment in the Kingdom of God.

2. Most all University Alumnae, National and Civic Organizations, have a Sustaining Membership Fund, in a great many of which the contribution asked is much more than \$5.00 a year.

Let us do all we can to reach the \$10,000 Sustaining Membership goal by Christmas, 1927! We can be certain it will make "Uncle Amos" supremely happy and his associate secretaries will rejoice with him. They are our daily representatives in the work of promoting the Luther League of America. We owe them a financial obligation which we must not neglect.

H. P. CAEMMERER.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The Editor endorses all the writer has said. In future issues of THE REVIEW we shall hear from other members of the National Committee. Mr. Caemmerer comes from the Maryland Synod and anyone coming from the Maryland League has a right to speak for the S. M. If all our Leagues would take their quotas as seriously, the financial worries of the League would be over. They have forty Sustaining Members in Christ Church, Baltimore, alone. The S. M. treasury is nearly "all" which here in Pennsylvania means "busted." Lists of new members will be given again next month.

More from the Minutes!

Junior Reading Course

By Miss Sweringen

1—Secure the six books of the Course for your Juniors. Get the Senior League to give them, if necessary.

2—Circulate one book at a time, having each Junior read and write name on inside cover.

3—Endeavor to have these books placed in the public library.

4—Make a poster to illustrate each book and hang these in your room.

5—At your local meetings and at district or state conventions have six Juniors each give the title of

one of the books of the Course and a few facts about each book to stimulate interest.

6—Arrange a Reading Course Contest, awarding a Banner to the Junior League in your District or State having the largest percentage of its Juniors completing the Course between conventions.

7—Have the Juniors write essays on some of the books.

The new Junior Reading Course for 1928 was announced—"Please Stand By"—Applegarth; "Boys and Girls and Friendly Beasts," Entwistle; "World Stories Retold," Sly; "Martin of Mansfeld," Seebach; "Friends of Ours," Colson; "The Older Children's Bible," a compilation.

Junior Church as Suggested

By Sister Pearle

For some time it was said that the Juniors were completely lost when they attended Church Services. Some thought was given to the question of training them to worship until this plan was followed:

It was decided to have the Junior Church in connection with the Junior League on Saturday morning. (This may be used at any regular meeting time of the League.) One week before our first Junior Church Service the following assignments were made and each member was informed that all duties were to be observed by them on Sunday morning at the regular Church Service. A Junior was appointed as leader, who was to have full charge of everything except the sermon. The young preacher was appointed (some assistance was given by the Superintendent); four members were appointed for the choir and four boys were asked to be ushers. On Sunday morning each member was present watching the adult whose place he was to fill the following Saturday at the first Junior Church Service. About 30 minutes before their Church Service they were taught the meaning of the Morning Worship in our Common Service Book. At the appointed hour the doors were open to the room where the chairs had been arranged like the seating in the Church and the children walked reverently in. The ushers did their work successfully and the children held their own Church Service. The Junior Church was held every two weeks and one week before different Juniors were assigned to the various duties. Now some of the children are able to assist the members of the congregation with their books.

Leaguers, if your children do not know how to worship with the adults, *train* them.

LIFE SERVICE

Doctor M. E. Thomas of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania answered the question in his subject "Does Foreign Missionary Work Offer a Career?" by quoting from the lives of such men as Sam Higginbottom of India whose name is linked with the agricultural achievement of India. J. M. McKee of Moga who started rural education and the project method in India, Stanley Jones who brought Christ to the higher caste of India, Doctor Wandless of Miraj and our own beloved Doctor Anna Kugler.

Doctor Herbert Hoover in his usual forceful style delivered an eloquent address on "A Soul Plus a Life."

Any old life does not need a program. A happy life that excels demands a well chosen program and the power and preparation to keep it. A sacred soul is a worthy goal, but a saved soul plus a superior, serviceful life is far richer and greater.

The soul of an artist's violin made by a master and mellowed by an expert's care and use distinguishes it from splinters, sawdust, glue, and cat gut. Who wants to exist with a miserable, sin-soiled, shriveled soul? What a transformation of personality and life when the soul is pure, enlarged toward God and enriched toward men! Mean souls cannot live great lives.

The silent service of a soul that lives a superior life consists of a studious preparation—a very careful enrichment of one's capacities and abilities with knowledge and wisdom and Virtue!

Soul enrichment precedes abounding and serviceful living. Efficient, expert service for humanity demands a scientific study of the world of God, the soul of man and society, and the genius and work of the Church.

This silent service precedes and parallels all effective mission work, Christian welfare work, Church service and the application of personal religion.

If the silent service of soul-enrichment is effective it cannot and will not remain silent. The wise and pure endued soul will serve individuals in personal ways and means. The enthronement of impersonal service among men has wrought iniquity,

hurt and sorrow. The choice expression of religious service is personal, and nothing can replace it without priceless loss.

The program of social service has invaluable possibilities. "The world's population with one exception is made up of others." The term neighbor must retain the meaning Christ gave it. The Christian religion is essentially personal in its origins and social in its fruits. Our program here must distinguish clearly between means and ends. The inclusiveness and exclusiveness of our program is determined by the truth of John 3:16.

Beyond the personal virtues, activities and relations; in the region beyond the social service program is the program of selective service. What is the Master's peculiar calling for you? What unique contribution can you give to Christianity and humanity? What is your peculiar place in the Christian Church? What part of God's great problem is His great Will for your soul and life?

WE LEARNED THIS AT SALISBURY

Here's to the land of the long leaf pine,
The summer land where the sun doth shine,
Where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great—
Here's to down home, "The Old North State!"

Bible Reading

Mr. Paul Brindle, the live wire of the Washington District League, led a discussion group in "Results in Bible Reading." His outline and discussion follow:

To Cultivate Interest.

Conferences—For Sunday School conferences and Young People conferences.

Contests—Spelling bee of words from the Bible. Biblical question contest—A good book with 4,000 questions and answers, "The Holy Bible, Young Folks' Edition," Oxford University Press, New York, pages 835, \$3.50.

Learning to Read.

Commentary—"The Gist of the Bible," by Dr. Bell, \$1.50.

Week Day Bible School—In (a) Vacation Season and (b) after school.

Books of the Bible printed separately—The American Bible Society in New York has a one penny and a four penny series.

Should Read Daily.

A suggested system of selected daily readings will be found in each of the following: The L.L. REVIEW, L. L. Topics, The Lutheran, International S. S. Lessons, The Augsburg Lesson Series and the Year Book.

Daily Reading Should Become Habitual.

If fifteen minutes a day spent in reading the five foot shelf of Harvard Classics will give one the equivalent of a liberal education, what would fifteen minutes a day spent in reading the Bible do for you? To read fifteen minutes a day would require about eight months to read the Bible through.

Read in the Mornings.

Ralph Cushman's poem "The Secret" is good.

Topical Study.

To follow such subjects as Grace, Sin, Temptation, Repentance, etc. This is the real way to study the Bible. You will need a concordance.

Bible Readers League.

There are many kinds of study classes and reading leagues, which have done much to stimulate interest in Bible reading, and have even extended among the Jews and some individual Roman Catholics.

Workers Training School.

Our Church, in some of the cities, is conducting special classes for training workers for the various departments of the Church. The L. L. D. C., is sponsoring such a school in Washington and will hold the first session this fall. Will stress, (a) Biblical training; (b) Training for leadership and (c) Missioning training.

Contest for District League.

Contest to run from November 1st to April 30th with an award of a trip to the Biennial Convention for the League having the highest number of points based on percentage of the membership of the local league participating in (a) Attendance at devo-

tionals, (b) Participation in the devotionals, (c) Daily Bible Reading and (d) a Study course, (Life Service, Missions, etc., to extend at least six nights with at least 50 per cent of the class passing the examination at the close). The local Leagues report the progress each month to the District Recording Secretary. The leader knows of an organization of 700 members using this contest that has resulted in between 90 and 96 per cent of the membership becoming daily Bible readers.

The principal thing about any system, idea or contest is that it must be *worked*.

At 4:00 P.M., Sunday, July 3, 1927, thirty-six interested Leaguers met in a group conference to discuss "Results in Bible Reading." This conference was presided over by Mr. Paul Luther Brindle, President of the Luther League of the District of Columbia, whose introductory remarks were based upon the Scripture verse "And Jesus increased in stature and in favor with God and man." Outstanding Bible characters, including Christ, David and Daniel were presented as men of Bible knowledge and their strength of character and their power, as a result thereof, stressed. These men of God were recommended as patterns for the Twentieth Century Luther Leaguer.

The methods, manners and best time for the reading of the Bible, with a view to obtaining the greatest benefit to the reader, were discussed. In connection with the fifteen point standard program of excellency, systematic Bible reading and check-up systems furnished food for thought, consideration and discussion.

Reverend Andersen, of Washington, related how a re-reading of portions of the Bible, which at first are not understood, results in a revelation and understanding of Divine truths.

Mr. Charles W. Schabacker of New York told of "Methods," "difficulties" and "overcoming difficulties" in connection with the daily Bible reading in his local League.

Messrs. Clarence Dittmer of New York and Fred L. Schickler of Washington, D. C., stressed the ideal method of Bible reading—love of the Master and His Word—and presented interesting illustrations to support their statements as to the results and influences of Bible reading upon the lives and characters of the readers.

Mrs. J. E. Hickman of Columbia, S. C., told of the question and answer system used in Junior League work, making it necessary for the Leaguer to read his Bible in order to answer the questions (unless he has already become so familiar with his Bible which, in itself, shows that he is a Bible reader).

Mr. John W. Martin, Educational Secretary of the Luther League of the District of Columbia, announced his intention of inaugurating additional methods of attaining the goal of daily Bible reading among the District of Columbia Leaguers upon his return to Washington from the Salisbury Convention.

Mr. Tufel proved an interested "questioner," through which questioning an unanimous expression of opinion was made to the effect that an interesting, and perhaps profitable, experiment would be to have each Leaguer write and submit to his League (without signing his name, if preferred), a paper telling of blessings and benefits derived from Bible reading.

As a means of obtaining the greatest amount of good, Mrs. Bair of Los Angeles, California, urged Bible reading in the morning when the body is rested and the mind is in a receptive mood.

Others present at this conference were prevented from entering into the discussion of the topic by the rapid passage of time.

Advice for Pastors

"The Pastor and the League," led by the Reverend Dorr E. Fritts of Troy, New York, brought out questions for discussion as follows:

Relation of L. L. to Pastor

As a problem to the Pastor

1. How to organize.
1. Get complete literature.
2. Call on state and district help.
3. Work for demand from young people.

II. Social problem.

1. Dance club—how objectionable?
2. How realize on social possibilities?
3. Suggestions: (*Handy*) Preparation, decoration, publicity, refreshments.

III. Leaders.

1. Junior, Intermediate—on up.
2. Conferences.
3. Leadership training schools—Council of R. E.
4. Our church schools, colleges—patronize (United we stick; not, united we're stuck).
5. Develop at work.

The Pastor a problem.

How much judge? Danger.

1. Not show interest.
2. Too zealous, runs whole show.
3. Suspicious yet holds aloof.
4. Not answer letters from League leaders.
5. Opposes organizing Leagues.
6. Promotes "Usher's Club" instead.

Remedies?

1. Strong presentation at Synods—Conferences.
 2. Educational literature through synodical secretary; state and district channels.
 3. Go to Pastor with real plan then to council (Resignations funerals help conversion better).
- Conclusion of whole matter.
- "Fear God and keep His commandments."
- "Feed my Sheep—lambs." "Go speak to that young man."—Ps. 119.2.
- Have faith in youth but don't trust them.

Also the following secretarial report of the meeting:

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Reissig.

The discussion was largely carried on by the pastors, who greatly outnumbered the Leaguers.

Problems and questions were freely brought up.

(1) Does Light Brigade and Junior League conflict?

It was decided they could be used together as the missionary topic of the League was the same as the Light Brigade topic.

(2) Pastors should have others in church to guide the Junior and Intermediate work.

(3) Problem of Confirmation age?

They would be worked into Intermediate League. they should be kept interested or we will lose them.

(4) Age limits should be determined mentally and not by years.

(5) Does the Sunday School division conflict with League division?

They seem to be entirely different.

(6) Should have a League if there are only enough to hold offices.

(7) Rural Problem discussed.

(8) The worship of all three departments should be held separately.

(9) Weekly or monthly meeting, which?

Which is best? Sunday, or weekly meetings?

(10) Supper meeting works well.

(11) Pastor's relation.

He should be in the background.

(12) League to hold church service a good method to interest young people in the evening worship.

(13) Pastors criticize the loyalty of the Young People.

(14) Social Problem.

Better Devotionals

The "Better Devotionals Conference" was led by Mrs. A. J. Traver on Sunday afternoon with from 150 to 200 delegates present. The hour was given over to a consideration of certain questions. After discussion, the Leaguers decided that a devotional is not exhibition but expression combining worship, witness and winning and is successful when it fulfills these conditions and provokes a closer relation to God, a deeper consciousness of Him and communion with Him.

The third topic for consideration was the most essential qualification of a good leader. After considerable discussion, the delegates decided by vote that sincerity is the most necessary although all felt that preparedness, enthusiasm and punctuality fill a large part in making a good leader. All agreed that the leader must prepare well in advance, actual time depending upon the ability of the leader.

Devotionals should be held weekly. Time and place depend upon local conditions. In this connection it would be well to mention that eight states

have as one of the requirements in their standards of efficiency, "the holding of weekly devotionals."

The topics selected by the Interdenominational Commission of Young People's Organizations affiliated with the International Council of Religious Education, but adapted to League needs by the Literature Committee of the Luther League of America as outlined in the REVIEW were unanimously declared very helpful.

The Discussion method is especially commended as a method for the devotional. We quote from Dr. White; "Discussion is learning by activity like handiwork and note book work." It also encourages the Leaguers to express their religious convictions—the only place where they talk about these things. The debate in the devotional is not a favorite method with Leaguers. The debate limits discussion to only a few and tends to encourage a wrong line of reasoning. Maps, blackboards and pictures should be used wherever possible depending, of course, on the topic for discussion. We should strive to make it an infallible rule not to allow the meeting to wander from its appointed course. The alert leader will sense any deviation from the work as planned and by a few words lead the members back to the original topic.

It is to be regretted that the lateness of the hour made it necessary for the conference to close before the Leaguers present could complete the questions prepared for the discussion.

The student group under the leadership of Mr. Paul E. Keyser discussed the student problem briefly as follows:

The Student Problem—Colleges

Mr. Paul E. Keyser, Chairman.

Questions for Discussion:

"1. How much time is one justified in asking the students to assist with the general work of the congregation and Luther League?"

The general opinion was one or two hours a week.

"2. How to interest the college student?"

The following suggestions were offered:

(a) On a basis of personal friendship.

(b) Another delegate from Illinois stated that they had found by giving Vesper Teas that this was a very good drawing card.

(c) Getting the cooperation of the college officials to secure the names of Lutheran students and then as the students return to school meet them and urge them to attend the first Sunday meeting.

(d) By holding the interest of one active student there will be a great number to follow.

"3. Other Problems:

"One delegate stated that at the school she attended there were only three Lutherans, and would it be advisable to organize a Luther League? It was the opinion the Home League should keep them posted.

"It was also stated that while dealing with the College Student Problem one should not forget the Nurses, Students in the Schools of Music and Business Colleges."

"The Luther League and College Students"

I.—The Problem and Its Importance.

1—Many Lutheran college students are outside the League and are not interested.

2—Many Leagues in college towns and back home are making no special effort to retain interest of college students, or they have some program which does not meet desired ends.

3—College trained Lutheran youth should be a special asset to and a force in the Lutheran Church. The L. L. is a realm of church activity where the student can assume leadership.

4—What can be done to better hold and interest more Lutheran college students? Whose responsibility is it?

II.—The Luther League (as a youth organization).

1—Has a real place to fill in lives of all Lutheran youth, in developing individual religious thinking and activity.

2—Has a program and purpose worthy of attention of college students.

3—The L. L. needs and can use college trained men and women.

4—The L. L. has and is making a successful appeal to some students.

5—The L. L. can and ought to do more for college age youth.

III.—The College Student. (Lutheran students our concern here.)

1—The college age and life bring new life interests to youth which condition their interest in the Church and the L. L. (New and broader mental interests; better thinking ability; broadened and new friendships; changing conception of religion and the Church; a wide range of college activities; a program of worship, social, religious and mental life, which is a life in itself. Does this crowd out old L. L. interest?)

2—College students in their attitude toward the League.

a—A small minority of actively interested. (29 per cent.)

b—A good number of "never-members" with no interest.

c—Has-beens, now no interest and church a bore.

d—Conclusion: Many who ought to be interested.

3—The real place of the college student in the League ought be:

a—Regular attendance at League in college town.

b—Freely giving of leadership talents in program. Not monopolizing leadership places however.

c—A friendly interest in League back home.

d—Assuming more and more executive leadership in state and national relations.

e—That of encouraging younger students to work in League.

IV.—The Local League the Key-Situation.

1—If in college town do the following:

a—Get list of names and addresses of all Lutheran students.

b—The membership committee and officers of League should make personal contact with as many of these as possible.

c—Have pastor speak for League in his student contacts.

d—Keep students informed on all activities. (Posters, phone, bulletin board, announcement by college official.)

e—Work with student religious organizations.

f—Give students some responsibility for program of League.

g—Give special attention to intellectual appeal of topics.

h—Have well-planned meetings.

i—Have at least one college student on program committee.

j—Have special features on program for college students. Discussions and socials, etc.

k—Simply be a live-wire League with a worthwhile program.

2—If in home town of student.

a—Maintain contact with student while away at college by mail. Birthday cards, announcements of League activities through church bulletin, personal letters.

b—When at home, show real interest in presence of students by a "welcome home meeting" and social. Have students lead meetings or speak on college life. Show attention on arrival or departure.

c—Have pastor and parents advise church activity and League relation in college town.

3—Train all Leaguers well before college age.

4—Officers and leaders must see that college students are not neglected.

5—The appeal to make when seeking interest of students.

a—Something for you to do—"show us how."

b—Say, "Come and help us," not "it will do your soul good."

c—Intellectual appeal of topics.

d—Social life and activity.

e—Make it worth their time to come.

V.—What Can Be Done to interest and hold college student.

1—In the local League.

a—General efficiency.

b—Proper departmental division and age limits.

c—Definite program appeal for students.

d—Actual attention shown students.

e—Thorough treatment of topics.

f—A wide-awake pastor and League officers.

g—Interest through S. S. class group.

h—Personal friendships of non-student with student.

2—In general League circles.

a—Emphasize the importance of work with and for the college in L. L. Executive meetings, Synodical conventions, L. L. Conferences and conventions.

b—Editors of topic material make provision for college age religious interests, in more detail than at present.

3—Adult Church leaders must give support to and show faith in its youth and the youth organization of the Lutheran Church.

a—The college student looks at the League as part of the Church, and if interest in the League is to be cultivated and maintained, interest in the Church and its program must be present.

b—The attitude taken by Church leaders and pastors and the degree of their interest in the L. L. and the college all conditions the interest of the student in the Church.

4—Give the college student something worthwhile, and work hard to promote a generally effective League program.

Ex-Secretary Hodges Speaks on Reading

"There are three kinds of reading: reading for education, reading for inspiration, reading for recreation."

If our young people only realized how much their happiness and success in life depends upon the habits formed in youth, most of them would be more anxious than they are to start right. Among the habits that might be a great source of delight, as well as of unflinching profit, the reading habit stands preeminent, for the love of books—the best books—is something which can be cultivated and the more the reading habit is practised the more it grows. Books are a guide in youth and an entertainment for age. Good books are the best of friends. As he may be judged by the people with whom he associates, so he may be judged by the books he reads.

The first ground on which to judge a book fairly is to discover its manifest purpose. The guiding motive running through the contents must be recognized as the surest factor in determining the genuineness of the material presented.

Books play a tremendous part in the intellectual life of the world. The ideal thing would be to have our youth so interested in all phases of religious life that they would eagerly read volumes that deal with these phases. The Church in that case would become a veritable university.

Just now there is much interest in what youth is reading. Not what they are required to read in school, not what they read in order to advance in position, but what they choose to read. Of course, very much reading amounts to very little. It is neither good nor bad. The worst that can be said is that it consumes a vast amount of time that might be turned to better account. Many who read "to kill time" will find that murdered time has a ghost that will come back to haunt its slayers.

Moreover the thoughtless, careless readers who give no attention to the selection of what they read will not have very much to do with shaping the affairs of the Church and the World. What they read or do not read counts for very little. This has always been true. It is also true that there are in every period men and women whose reading makes a vast difference. History, both ecclesiastical and profane, is eloquent to this fact.

Now in a period when the world is being rebuilt, it is of great importance to know what the thoughtful students of the world are reading.

There is no greater service than can be rendered the youth of today than to bring to their notice and reading worthwhile, character-building and purpose-forming books. Such are the books in our reading courses.

Chairman Frey Reports on Junior Work

York, Pa., July 1, 1927.

To the Members of the Luther League of America in Convention Assembled:

We submit but a brief report of the work of the Junior Committee since the last Convention of the Luther League of America, as the details of the work of the Junior department will be fully covered in the report of the Secretary of the department.

The Committee held the following meetings, Milwaukee, at the close of the Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, September 21, 1925, Philadelphia, June 15, 1926, and Philadelphia, May 27, 1927. The two last mentioned meetings were held in conjunction with a general meeting of the Literature, Intermediate, and Junior Committees of the Luther League of America.

Plans and policies were outlined at these several meetings and the report of the Secretary of our Department will tell of the progress made in following out these plans.

Two Junior Institutes were held in Philadelphia. The first, on February 20th, 1926, and the second on February 12th, 1927. Both of these institutes were very well attended by workers from the Eastern States. Next year it is planned to hold institutes in other centers instead of at the headquarters office only, so that our Junior Department leaders can come in contact with a larger number of workers.

It is with regret that we refer to the passing of a former Chairman of our Committee, Rev. Arthur T. Michler, Philadelphia, Pa., who served the Junior Committee of the Luther League of America from 1910 to 1922. The work that he did was largely one of pioneering and the department today bears a record of some of the foundations that he laid during his association with the work of our Committee.

This Committee would recommend that the work of the department continue to be developed along the plans and policy that have been adopted by the Committee.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking those who so ably helped in the work of our department and would especially mention the support given us by General Secretary, A. J. Traver, and Intermediate Secretary, R. J. Wolf, for their presentation of the work of our department in their travels throughout the country.

The Secretary of our department, Miss Brenda L. Mehlihouse, is to be commended for the most thorough and painstaking work that she has done and the larger portion of the credit for the enlargement of the work goes to her, as it is through her untiring efforts that our Junior Department can report any progress that has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

M. HALLER FREY,
Chairman Junior Committee.

Mrs. Swavely Talks About Topics

The Topics prove most interesting to the boys and girls. They are divided into four distinct groups:

1—The Missionary Topics, when the Juniors studied the very interesting Moslem book, "Two Young Arabs," a story of a trip taken by a little Arabian boy and his sister with their father through Moslem lands, visiting the various shrines of Mohammedanism, until at last they reach Jerusalem and find Christianity.

2—The Bible Topics, all written under the heading of "A Trip to the Holy Land." Various Bible towns were visited and the trip made interesting with map study and other interesting material. These lessons were concluded with three topics on Paul's missionary journeys.

3—The Church Hero Topics. These were particularly interesting to the boys and told the stories of Muhlenberg, Passavant, Theodore Fliedner, Father Hoyer, Gustavus Adolphus, Rev. Legum. As we all know, boys are hero worshippers and these lessons we left entirely to the boys. The entire program was arranged by the boys and surely demonstrated to the leaders what boys really can do.

4—The Picture Lesson Topics. These topics were made interesting by the use of the small Perry pictures which were given to each Junior. Some of the topics used, with the picture were "Prayer" (with picture of "Little Samuel"), "Humility" (picture of Abraham Lincoln), "Suffering" picture "Ecco Homo," "Joy" ("He Is Risen"), "Sacrifice" (Picture of "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler"), "Church Manners," (Christ in the Temple"). These picture Lessons left impressions that will not soon be forgotten.

Then, too, there were various Topics on the Catechism, which helped the boys and girls to understand our Church. There were special Topics on the Luther League "What Is the Luther League?", "Junior League Around the World," "The Junior League

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	Number Leagues			Number Members			OFFERINGS	
	Sr.	Int.	Jr.	Sr.	Int.	Jr.	Loc.	Benevolent
Southern California	13	1	3	319	8	34	\$ 823.58	\$ 441.40
Columbia District	7			159			411.08	297.58
Connecticut	11	3	2	473	105	40	431.98	61.72
Illinois	30			927				2,961.60
Indiana Synod	20	3	4	519	89	216	1,245.47	507.84
Iowa	14	3		354	60		740.66	251.86
Kansas	9	1	1	317	25	36	123.40	162.58
Maryland Synod	29	4	3	1,443	92	73	2,053.27	1,081.68
Michigan Synod	16	1	5	406	27	83	471.93	308.27
Minnesota	11	2	1	315	35	40	907.90	375.19
Nebraska	19			654			834.13	1,023.66
New Jersey	12	3	3	306	45	51	758.48	344.60
New York	129	45	21	4,000	633		1,558.39	11,218.43
North Carolina	112			2,528			1,817.56	
Nova Scotia	4			122			121.19	91.09
Ohio	14	10	22	3,000	200	450		
Pacific Northwest	4		1	87			43.50	21.50
Pennsylvania	263	54	114	9,273	1,296	4,328	17,820.23	12,365.34
South Carolina	66	10	4	2,118	178	38	1,208.44	2,196.04
Texas	10	1	2	372	22	57	567.26	522.96
Virginia	59*	1		1,700	10		1,114.67	1,413.85
Wisconsin	10	1	1	238	34	22	228.00	135.00
Miscellaneous	2			35			105.04	
	964	143	187	29,665	2,859	5,468	\$33,386.12	\$35,781.69

Reading Course," a Rally Meeting, and topics stressing Daily Bible Reading and Church attendance. Special Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day programs all helped to hold the interest of the boys and girls.

Leaders! Use the Junior Topics. Let the Juniors use them in the meetings and thus develop future Luther League leaders.

Worship Discussed

By Sister Pearle Lyerly

When at all possible permit the Juniors to meet and play in a different room from the one where the Devotional meeting is held. At the appointed hour open the doors to the meeting room, ask the pianist to play soft music while the children take their places.

The surroundings must be agreeable. Make your room look cheerful with the proper religious pictures on the walls and some flowers on the table, with books orderly arranged and plenty of light.

The leader must give a worshipful atmosphere. The children will become restless and excited if the leader is running all about the room putting things in order during the singing. The leader must worship with the children.

The Program must be of a reverent nature. Sing the hymns well selected for children. Pray the prayers the Juniors will understand and let them have a prominent place in the prayer exercises. Each child should be given the opportunity to talk with his Father in Junior League. Before you use the sentence prayers see that the children are ready for them. This exercise is suggested to be used before the sentence prayers—

"We fold our hands that we may be (fold hands)
From earthly work and play set free;
We bow our heads as we draw near (bow head)
The King of Kings, our Saviour dear;
We close our eyes that we may see, (close eyes)
Nothing to keep our thoughts from Thee.

Never continue the prayers when some children are talking. If necessary, stop all the children in the midst of them and teach them how they are displeasing God. If this will not help, dismiss the children until you have finished the opening exercises. If this is done it will be a lesson to all the members.

This exercise may be used to end your program—

"Two little hands now let us show,
Two hands bring down just so;
Right hand right things must do,
Left hand must help it too.
From mischief fold them tight,
Nor let them strike nor fight;
But stretch them out in love,
And upward point above.
Then clasp in prayer each day,
And think of all we say,
With heads all bending low,
And eyes all closed just so,
Repeating word by word
The prayer of our Dear Lord—
Our Father, etc.

Leaders, realize the great opportunity you have in putting the lives of the children into direct contact with the life of Jesus Christ.

A Letter

Sister Alma Boarts, detained by an accident, sends her address on Consecrated Leadership. Sister Helene Kuechler reads:

"My dear Luther Leaguers—This morning I am trying to form a mental picture of that fine assemblage of young people at Salisbury which is representative of the cream of the young people of the church today.

As you meet in this great convention to give and to take and with the theme, "Christ All in All," I earnestly pray that everyone of the young people who have the privilege of attending may not be lukewarm, but rather hot spiritually for Christ and

may ever remain hot spiritually to blaze the way for Christ's entrance into other hearts.

In complying with the desires of one who is giving himself so earnestly and unreservedly to the Juniors of our beloved Church—our Junior Secretary—I will give a few thoughts on the "Need of Consecrated Leaders for Our Boys and Girls."

As I think of this need of consecrated leaders for our Juniors uppermost in my mind are the words of our Saviour as He said to Simon Peter, "Feed My Lambs." When Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, lovest thou Me?" Peter replied, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." Then it was that Jesus gave the request—"Feed My Lambs." His first request to Peter was "Feed My Lambs," then the second request—"Feed My Sheep." Does not this fact show us the important place Jesus gave to the caring of the children?

Christ is asking each of our Luther Leaguers—"Lovest thou Me?" We all no doubt answer, "Yes, Lord." Then comes to us the request, "Feed My Lambs."

All of us are to some extent feeders of the lambs whether we are conscious of it or not, but what better way does Jesus open up to us to feed His lambs than through working with the boys and girls in the using of the program of the Junior Luther League.

There is a note of joy as we think of the young people who are feeding the lambs in the Junior Luther Leagues. But when we think of the many churches throughout our different states who do not have a Junior Luther League then we see the great need for more consecrated leaders for these Junior boys and girls who would be happy to be in an organization which has as its object (1) to educate the youth in the history, teachings and practices of the Church, (2) to encourage Bible reading and prayer, (3) to give missionary knowledge, (4) to prepare boys and girls to be better Intermediate and Senior Luther Leaguers, (5) to open a way for serving Christ and His Church in childhood. What person with the motto, "Christ All in All" would not rejoice in leading the Juniors in such a program!

The word J-U-N-I-O-R spells to us need and opportunity for consecrated Junior workers.

J stands for Joy and help to the leader. The leader's own life is made joyful. We have learned that not to be served, but to serve brings most joy. Yes, some hard work, too, but there is joy in seeing the Juniors develop and serve. Our own lives are made purer and sweeter as we give out to the Juniors. God teaches us this beautifully in nature in the purity and usefulness of the waters of the Sea of Galilee in comparison with the waters of the Dead Sea. Because the Sea of Galilee not only takes in but also freely gives out its water is so pure and useful, although each is supplied by the same water. So the letter J stands for the joy and help that comes to those who may lead in Junior League.

U—using of boys and girls for work to be done in and by the church. There are many ways open for children to serve but they need consecrated leaders to point out to them how and where to serve.

N—no other organization for the children with such a fine program.

I—in only about three hundred churches a Junior League. Other leaders are needed for churches without Leagues.

O—Our forward look to future successful Luther Leaguers and Christian workers demands consecrated leaders for the Juniors.

R—right age for children to have a consecrated leader to imitate and give lasting impressions.

S—Saviour requests—"Feed My Lambs."

May the motto "Christ All in All" so be ours this morning that as Christ says "Feed My Lambs" we may promise Him to do our best to obey Him by giving to the children the fine program of the Junior Luther League.

Our Saviour has no hands but our hands

To work for the Juniors today:

He has no feet but our feet

To lead the Juniors in His way;

He has no tongue but our tongues

To tell the Juniors how He died;

He has no help but our help

To keep the dear Juniors by His side.

Wherever there are children in a congregation, there is need for a Junior Luther League. Why? First, because the children need it. When children get together, their conversation is, for the most

part, centered around the school, the home and the various activities in which they may be interested. But the church is not included in this list. And the reason is not hard to find. These other subjects deal with the things that are closest to them, and are a part of their very life. Not so with the Church. That is something beyond and above them and they are not conscious of its influence. Here is where the Junior League performs a real service. It brings the Church down to the level of the child, and gives him a place to expend some of his energy. The League functions in a way that appeals to him, and gives him just enough responsibility to make him think about it and to work for it. By just such methods, he feels that he is a part of the Church's work, and once started in life with this idea, the Church has a greater opportunity of moulding that life and developing it into one of service to the kingdom of God.

Second. Because the congregation needs it. When it realizes that the Luther League is developing and training workers for the whole Church, that it is not an organization separate and independent of all other departments of the congregation, then will pastor and people alike realize that here is something which should be encouraged and helped along as much as possible. And the time to start that training is with the boy and girl when they are small and most ready to respond. Not when their life has already been filled with outside things. By taking these small girls and boys, and organizing them into Junior Leagues, the congregation has taken a big step in preparing for the future of the Senior League, the Sunday School, the Women's Missionary Society, the Brotherhood and of the congregation itself.

Stewardship

"The Stewardship of Money—Purse-onal Evangelism" was the subject of a talk by the Reverend H. A. Bosch. Mr. Bosch said in part:

Great men are thinking great thoughts. These thoughts are of the Church. Coolidge says: "We need more spiritual development." Roger Babson states: "The need of the hour is for more teaching of the principles of Jesus Christ"—and the realization comes to many: though many institutions in life accomplished an incidental good, it is the Church alone, which is essential to life. For, even as Christians have known this word of Christ to be true, "Except ye abide in me, and I abide in thee, ye can bear no fruit," so many leaders of the world, are on the brink of the recognition of the fact, "Without me, ye can do nothing."

The world needs Christ. Evangelism in broad terms brings Christ to the world. Evangelism is the application of the riches of Christ to the believers. Stewardship is the application of the riches and resources of the believers to Christ. One means: Christ for man; the other means: Man for Christ. And stewardship and evangelism are so closely interwoven that as we acknowledge our stewardship, as our lives are enlisted in serving the Lord Jesus Christ—our stewardship becomes evangelistic for through us Christ is glorified, through us. He is brought to man. Evangelism is the object, of which Stewardship is the means, and such an exalted conviction should we have of our stewardship of money, that our Purse becomes Evangelistic.

And just there we often draw the line. We have much sentiment about Missions, but only a few Cents for Missions, we have a few cents, instead of many dollars. And the lack of a Personal Evangelism halts many a local church effort, even as it cripples and hinders a national missionary program.

I. We must give our lives—Paul speaks of the Macedonians. They first gave their own selves to the Lord (II Co. 8-5) and this means that our Will, Courage, Physical Strength, Mutual Powers, Talents, Personality, Enthusiasm, Energy, Time, Prayer and Money must be His. All of our lives is to be used for Him, but before all can be used for him all must be touched by Him, and a complete Evangelism must precede a complete Stewardship are to be wholly His.

II. Money is the least we can give.

III. Of this least we give the least.

America pays for candy, One Billion Dollars. America spends for Autos, Two Billion; for Tobac-

co, more than Two Billion, and generous, liberal America gives to the Church 645 Million, little more than half a Billion. America spends more for cosmetics than she gives to Christ; more for sporting goods than for the spiritual things, and a selected list of incidental expenses shows a total of 12 Billions spent for incidentals and luxuries—and but half a billion for the Church. It is a terrible tale that these totals tell, yet the cents of the dollar show the same story.

The Reverend Bosch then called forward a group of young people with placards showing how the American dollar was spent. It was interesting to note the following:

- 24½c—living
- 22 c—luxuries
- 14 c—wasted
- 13¼c—miscellaneous
- 11 c—invested
- 8½c—crime
- 4½c—government
- 1½c—schools
- ¾c—church

Mr. Bosch juggled the figures a bit, cut waste in half, took 7/12ths of the money spent for luxuries and gave that to the church, and lo! the church had ten cents instead of ¾ of a cent.

This was a very impressive illustration.

For the Kiddies

Miss Hess of the Philadelphia Italian Mission tells of the Primary Program.

When little children under six years of age come to Junior League much better results can be obtained, both with the little ones and with the older Juniors, if they have separate rooms and programs especially adapted to their needs.

My purpose is to bring to the attention of those who have not yet used them the "Programs for the Little Leaguers," prepared by Mrs. A. F. Keller. This splendid little book contains complete programs for weekly meetings for one year, Miss Mehlhouse having provided supplementary lessons for the summer months.

There is a lesson topic for each week, with hymns and other memory work, there are suggestions for hand work that will help to impress on the child's mind, the lesson of the day. There is also the information for the leader as to what materials are needed for the work and just where these may be obtained.

To give variety one might use different work if desired. For instance, in connection with the Shepherd Psalm the children could make shadow pictures. The leader should cut paper patterns of lambs, pin one to a piece of paper of the proper size to make a picture, and let each child fill in with crayon the green grass around the lamb and the blue sky above—remove the pin and the picture is complete.

To encourage working for others, at the December meeting make tarlatan stockings sewed with red wool and fill them with popcorn, nuts or candy, sending them to Orphan Home, Settlement House or similar institution.

Jesus and I

Dr. Schaeffer of Lenoir Rhyme issues a call to fellowship.

"As Moses stood before God and Nathaniel before Jesus, I'd have you face Jesus Christ. 'Jesus Christ and I'—what a fellowship! What a partnership!

"Men have tried but they can not get away from the fact of God. Today as in some days gone by men have tried hard to get away from the fact of Christ as God. But it is all to no avail. To men by the millions Christ has said, and is still saying,

'He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.' And when men stand as Philip did face to face with Jesus, it sufficeth.

"What place shall Jesus Christ occupy in our lives today? As young men and women with wonderful years of glorious living, possibly as our portion, facing the Lord Jesus Christ and hearing His call to holy living and blessed ministry, how can we close our eyes and ears in selfish activities and habits?

"There are devoted Christian young people in every land, but we need a widespread revolt against the domination of non-essentials, against the encroachments of small affairs, against the appeal of worldly amusements and frolic, against the abuse of Christian Stewardship in the waste of millions of dollars in the face of the needs of the Kingdom of God, and of men in the gratification of fleshly appetites and prodigal living.

"We need a revolt against these things that holy pursuits, Christian love and service, a stalwart Christian righteousness might occupy our hearts and thoughts and labors.

"Jesus Christ as we face Him, calls us to Himself. In His service we are to spend our time and strength—in His great Kingdom we are to dwell in time and eternity."

Farewell

Dr. Beeber eloquently closes the Convention with these words:

"We have come to the end of a perfect day. We have come to the end of a perfect convention. For the last four days we have been on a mountain top. We have been very close to Jesus Christ for four days, the ablest, most consecrated, finest youth of the U. L. C. From the far flung lines of this glorious country we have met together, sung together, played together, heard inspiring addresses together—reconsecrated our lives together. We had a glimpse into Asia—into India.

"In the last two years our prayers rose to God for our brethren in India. We gave our gifts, and in this most inspiring meeting the other night when we sent ourselves with our gifts to Asia, we gave unto the least of these! You, my dear friends, young America, will not lose your reward.

"You heard inspiring addresses. The address tonight—a fitting close for this convention. But this is not our abiding place—we have not come here to stay. We wish we could build a tabernacle and remain awhile longer under these beautiful sunny skies in North Carolina—in Salisbury. We wish we could longer mingle with each other, enjoy each other's association and company, but the time of our departure is at hand. We must come down from the mountain top into the valley. Do we go alone? Or will Jesus go with us? Yes, my beloved, He will, if we here are filled by His spirit and by His presence.

"I feel highly honored tonight. It is a great pleasure to me that I have the last word—and tonight the word is 'Good-bye.' What does 'Good-bye' mean? It is a prayer meaning 'God be with you.'

"Good-bye—God be with you—beautiful Salisbury! We have learned to love your people. We have learned to love your sun—we have learned to love your hospitality—we have learned to love this beautiful temple of worship, one of the largest in the Lutheran church. We do not like to leave you.

"God be with you 'til we meet again—Good-bye officers of this League—of the convention—good-bye committees, good-bye fellow Lutherans. What a happy four days we spent together!

"I am very happy to have the last word. Good-bye—God be with you until we meet again. 'To serve the present age; our calling to fulfil. Oh may it all my powers engage, to do my Master's Will!'"



"HOT OFF THE BAT"

Marvin Eckardt of the Philadelphia District having read the challenge of Baltimore's Miss Menkel, rises to observe: "We suggest Miss Menkel read her REVIEW a little more carefully, specially the news columns where Uncle Amos always finds room for Philadelphia district activities. She would then recall:

1. Our annual live wire dinner (April 26th) attended by more than 300, including Clarence Dittmer; the biggest and most enthusiastic ever held,

2. Monthly meetings held by each of 3 sections of the District.
3. Philadelphia District subscribed to its Andhra College quota more than 120 per cent.
4. We have our own District missionary objective of \$400.00 for 1927.

C. C. D. VISITS DETROIT

Sunday, July 31, marked a new day in Detroit Luther League Circles when Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, the president of the L. L. of A., addressed the several Leagues assembled in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 16th and Forest Avenues, West.

He spoke of the accomplishments of the year closed and the future of the organization when youth proceeds along the proper lines in Luther League Work. All assembled enjoyed the social hour that followed and agreed that the delegates assembled in Salisbury Convention had chosen the right president.

QUICK THINKING

He: May I call on you?

She: Of course not!

He: Oh, I didn't mean tonight. I meant some cold rainy night when I couldn't go anywhere else.

AND SHE HATES TO DO IT!

Many a man will pay his lawyer for telling him he is wrong, and never even thank his wife for the same advice.

MUCH HAPPINESS!

July 19th is the lucky date for "Rube" Lampe of Iowa and those parts. On that day Miss Miriam Luisa Barta became Mrs. Ruben K. Lampe. The L. L. of A. joins in the good wishes.

MARRIED

Ruth M. Davis, Recording Secretary of the Detroit District and Alex McVay, president of Unity



SOME BAND!

"In Dixie Land where I was born in—Hooray, Hooray!" floated over Newberry College when the Charleston League Orchestra began to play.

They presented a Primary School on Stunt Night at the Summer School for Church Workers of South Carolina. History Exam. was held and the pupils answered telling the heroes and events in American History in song. The School Orchestra, as pictured above, then played a Gavotte and Dixie with toy instruments.

The "stunt" proved to be very entertaining.

Local. Rev. F. L. Boger of Unity Church officiated. Another happy married life assured.

Seeing the Capital on the Way to Salisbury

THE LUTHER LEAGUE AT WASHINGTON

"There will be the unparalleled privilege of stop-over en route to Salisbury at Washington—the Nation's Capital—a daylight journey on the Luther League Special from Washington to Salisbury, with stop-over at Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson"; so read Chairman John Martin's circular before the Convention and he said a truth, for those who availed themselves of the privilege certainly had real enjoyment. They also had a part in a unique experience for the Luther League and one which helped to place the League in the news of the day.

Sightseeing busses were provided the Leaguers for a journey around the City, a personally conducted tour by Mr. Martin and his good-natured wife and Paul Brindle.

After visiting different points of interest a stop was made at the statue of Martin Luther, which is in front of Martin Luther Memorial Church, where President Walter Banker placed a wreath and made a short address as follows: "As American citizens we owe to Luther those basic principles which make the Democracy of our land and which distinguish us as a people throughout the world. As Lutherans we owe to him that distinction which makes our faith stand as it has and will continue to stand so



Ex-President Banker honoring the grave of The Unknown Soldier

long as we regard the word of God as the only infallible rule of faith and practice. By placing this wreath we honor ourselves more than we honor him, privileged as we are to bear his name.

Luther has belonged to ages past and present and will belong to the ages to come as those principles which grew out of his work are those upon which the world's happiness and progress are built. We place this wreath then as a people happy in the thought that he was one of us and sensible of the honor and blessing that has come down to us through him."

The Luther League then sang "A Mighty Fortress."

The journey was then continued, visiting among the many things to be seen, the wonderful Memorial erected by a Nation appreciative of the greatness of Abraham Lincoln. What solemn beauty and what an impression as the visitor is admitted into beautiful walls, one not to be forgotten.

In the afternoon special cars were provided for the trip to that beautiful shrine of the Nation's dead at Arlington Cemetery. Those who have never visited this beautiful City of the Dead owe it to themselves to make it. The view looking over the Potomac with the Capitol in the background is one which is indelibly impressed on one's memory. Every American is a better citizen after the experience.

The Leaguers proceeded in a body to the grave of the Unknown Soldier made to symbolize the Nation's Dead in the great war, where Mr. Banker placed a wreath and delivered a short address as follows:

"By the placing of this wreath we again bring to mind the sacrifice of those who so freely shed their blood in the greatest part any country has ever played in altruistic endeavor for the peace and happiness of the world. When the world shall have laid aside its prejudice and come truly to itself, then will it come to realize and then will it be ready to give honor to our country whose boys lie silent in its fields and fields of their homeland; those who made the supreme sacrifice. May the grave of him who lies here ever remind us that there lives in the breast of all true Americans the willingness to make such sacrifice for the preservation of those ideals of Liberty which make our Country great. This boy and those who went forward with him made it greater honor to be an American."

The Leaguers then sang, "The Star Spangled Banner."

A visit to the great marble amphitheater where services are held each year and where the President or someone high in the service of our land makes a speech, and which seats 3,000 people with its wonderful portals, was then the order.

From here back to the cars and on to Mt. Vernon, the beautiful home of George Washington on the Potomac. As we looked out over the valleys about Washington's home, we were impressed with the thought that the Father of our Country must have

loved the beautiful in nature when he selected a site for his home.

Here again we were accorded the special privilege of placing the wreath on the sarcophagus of George Washington, the tomb being opened for the event. Mr. Banker placed the wreath and made another short address as follows:

"Earlier in the day we honored ourselves by the placing of a wreath upon the monument of one who gave us the principles of Democracy. We honor ourselves again by recalling the memory of one who helped to put those principles into practical thought and action, and who by the sincerity of his love and the sacrifice of leadership has been called by a grateful people, 'The Father of his Country.' In placing this wreath let us as citizens of this great country be mindful of the heritage which has come down to us through the life of that Father, George Washington. First in War, First in Peace, First in the hearts of his countrymen."

The Leaguers then sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "God Bless Our Native Land."

Then back to the city, and then to Luther Memorial Church in the evening for a mass meeting. How much we enjoyed the speeches, the fellowship and the fine spirit that prevailed. It just whetted appetites for the Convention. All the addresses were in the spirit of good will and reviewed accomplishments for the work of the League that means much for the future.

It was indeed a privilege to spend the day with the Washington Leaguers.

Then a night of good sleep and out at 6 o'clock for the Luther League Special with breakfast on the train.

A stop-over at Charlottesville to visit the home of Thomas Jefferson and here again, we were impressed with the great natural beauty in the location of this wonderful home of one of our great Presidents. It was fine to stand on its lawns and visualize the beauty of those fetes which were the vogue in Jefferson's day. The surrounding valleys and mountains afford a view that beggars description. We appreciate the wonderfulness of our common Father when we see such sights as this—we are humbled in our pride in human accomplishment.

Then back to the train, a fine lunch and on to Salisbury.

John Martin and Mrs. Martin everywhere seeing to it that nothing was left undone to help provide joy and comfort, for us all, and how we did enjoy it. Too many things to comment here but things to carry with us for many a year.

Then Salisbury at 5:45 and we are out to be greeted by other League friends and delegates, and then the greatest Convention the Luther League of America ever had.

WALTER BANKER.

The Gang at Washington



DEAR ME

"I'd like to try on that suit in the window."

"Sorry, sir, but you'll have to use the dressing room."

For the Social Chairman

OCTOBER

Fall Hike

The outline for a year's socials really ended with the August plan; however, the editor has asked me to continue until the end of the current year, and we are therefore giving outlines for special socials which could well be given at this time. You will remember that the September social was planned as a joint meeting with the Juniors. For October we suggest a fall hike.

Decide on your destination and map out your route. It is a good plan to have some one actually cover the ground before you take your group, to make sure that everything is all right.

Ask your members to bring flashlights. Of course, you will start while it is yet light, but you will need them coming home.

Chaperons may be out of date, but a good League hike ought to be chaperoned, so that there may be some one in authority. If you do not like that word, appoint a "committee" to take charge of the hike. Keep your group together on the hike—that is one of the main jobs of the "committee."

Have preparations made to build a fire at your destination, sending the food out ahead of time if possible.

Serve "hot doggies," and let every one roast their own, with rolls, pretzels, marshmallows for toasting, and apples.

Arrange to have some one tell a good story or two, during the moments of relaxation around the fire, after the refreshments have been eaten. Sing familiar songs, with the whole group taking part.

Be sure that your fire is out before you start for home. Start in reasonable time, so that it is not too late when you return.

CAROLINA E. NOLDE.

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NOVEMBER

Annual Luther League Dinner

Why not plan a Luther League Dinner, and make it an annual event in November? It is a fine way to "get together," and can be planned as simply or elaborately as you wish.

There are several ways to do this, and the League as a whole), decided on their

FRUITS OF SALISBURY

Way out in Clinton, Ia., the suggestions offered by Paul Keyser of Wittenberg with regard to student work are being carried out. Conventions do pay!

particular League. The one is the catered dinner, the second the dinner prepared by some of the active women in your congregation, the third the dinner prepared by your League members themselves. A combination of the last two is very good.

Instead of laying down a definite plan, I am going to describe a Luther League Dinner which I attended. The President appointed a committee to assist the Social Secretary, who acted as chairman of the committee. The committee then met and set a tentative date (which was ratified by the League as a whole) decided on their menu, figured what would be necessary of the various food items, decorations, etc., and then set the price of 75c for the dinner. Several of the women (mothers of League members) were asked and gladly consented to do the actual cooking, but the committee themselves did all the buying, and came the evening before to help prepare whatever could be done ahead of time.

Invitations were sent to all League members, who were requested to reply before a certain date, so that adequate preparations could be made.

The menu was as follows:

	Fruit Cocktail	
	Roast Chicken, Stuffed	
French Peas	Mashed Potatoes	
	Rolls and Butter	
	Salad	
Coffee	Ice Cream	Fancy Cakes
	Salted Nuts	

and the portions were very generous.

Decorations and favors followed a color scheme of brown and gold, with Thanksgiving motif. The members of the committee did the decorating and made the favors, with the aid of a Dennison Party Book.

A former member of the League, now pastor of a neighboring congregation, was asked to give an informal after dinner talk.

The dinner was served promptly at seven o'clock by the women. Place cards with names were used, so there was no confusion in seating the group. Song sheets were provided, and someone asked to lead the singing, which was done between the courses of the dinner. When the tables were finally cleared, we listened to an in-

spiring talk, then some more music, of a more serious nature. Finally all stood to sing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," which closed the festivities.

Now I hope you are ready to say "Let's try it in our League." If you have any questions, I will be glad to try to answer them. Address them to me c/o LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and I will do my best to help you.

CAROLENA E. NOLDE.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On September 21st, Carolena E. Nolde became Mrs. Earl Stoner. This is a real Luther League match. That guarantees happiness. Mr. Stoner is the Missionary Secretary and Mrs. Stoner the Recording Secretary of the Philadelphia District. We hope Mrs. Stoner will find time to continue her valued service to the REVIEW family.



Charles Fuhr with a Junior at the Convention

Mr. Fuhr is a new member of the Ex. Com.

Senior Topics

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1.—Acts 16:29-32.—The Jailer's question is, "What shall I do to be saved?" The answer is, "Simply believe, nothing more."
- " 2.—I Peter 2:1-10.—Shows that all believers are priests in virtue of their faith able to approach God themselves.
- " 3.—Hebrews 4.—God's promises must be apprehended by faith and when they are we enter into peace and come to Him directly.
- " 4.—I Peter 1:3-9; 18-25.—Our redemption is not with silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ. Through Him the promise of eternal life is given to all who receive it in faith.
- " 5.—Hebrews 10:19-25.—Christ is the one High Priest forever, hence no need of other priests today. We come to God by Him.
- " 6.—Matt. 26:51-54.—The Scripture shows that the Christian is not to draw sword even in defense of Him who is greater than all the Kings of the earth. How much less in any lesser cause!
- " 7.—Matt. 5:38-48.—Even when men overreach and do violence to him, the Christian remembers the violence he has done to God and how God has had mercy on him; then he does as God has done for him to the violent and unjust. There can be no war where such a spirit prevails.
- " 8.—Matt. 18:23-35.—Any man or nation remembering its own sins and shortcomings will be unable to exact its dues from another violently, but will have mercy and spare.
- " 9.—I Cor. 6:1-11.—Do not take offense. Do not seek justice for your wrongs. Do not call on earthly government to defend or establish your rights. Remember how often you have offended yourself and how you have been spared.
- " 10.—James 4:1-12.—All our strife comes from unbridled selfish desires. If our desires were according to God's will, we would ask of Him and receive. But none of us may judge or condemn another for all are God's.
- " 11.—I Peter 2:21-24.—Christ's example of inno-

cent, unprovoked patience shows us the way.

- Nov. 12.—Romans 12:19-21.—Here is the final word on the matter. Do your enemy good. What becomes of war then?
- " 13.—Jude 10-13.—The Scripture teaches that deceivers and deceived may be found in our very midst spoiling Christian life.
- " 14.—John 20:30-31.—Material for publication should be prepared with a purpose. The greatest purpose is to arouse faith in Jesus Christ.
- " 15.—John 21:24-25.—It is impossible to publish all that happens. Only what is true and helpful should be published.
- " 16.—Proverbs 1:1-6.—The Preface to Proverbs. It shows a high purpose in publication, which might well hang in every editorial room.
- " 17.—Revelation 1:1-3, 9-11, 19.—What we write should show the visions God has given us to see through His Spirit, that through us He may cause others to see them, too.
- " 18.—Revelation 22:6-21.—The Bible was written by those who know. Their words are faithful, trustworthy and true. It shows us God, His will and His purpose. All of it and no more is His revelation.
- " 19.—Luke 1:1-4.—Writing should be done by those who have first hand knowledge and have carefully verified the facts, convictions, valuations and purposes of which they write.
- " 20.—Psalm 103:1-18.—The Scripture urges us not to forget God's many blessings,—food, defense, happiness, mercy, rewards.
- " 21.—Deuteronomy 8:11-20.—Especially warns against forgetting God, and especially urges keeping His Word which is the greatest blessing He has given and which we are apt to forget and neglect.
- " 22.—Psalm 104.—Reminds of God's constant and blessed providence. We so often forget that all our support and safety is from Him.
- " 23.—Psalm 105.—God's hand may be seen in history. We often forget that many of the blessings we enjoy are the fruit of His blessed leading and guiding in the years that are past.
- " 24.—Psalm 106.—His mercy is about us constantly. How often we offend and yet

His mercy never fails. What a blessing that is and how often overlooked.

Nov. 25.—Psalm 107.—Here is a summary of forgotten blessings: in our lives He guides and brings safely home at last; in danger. He defends often unknown to us delivering us from evil in storm. He keeps, causing even the storm clouds to pass over our heads without harm; He gives the fruits of the earth and supplies our every need. We take it as a matter of course, but it is of His blessing.

" 26.—Psalm 108.—Then His promise of final deliverance. Tho' enemies approach on every side, at the last He will save His people. Here is a blessing and a hope often forgotten but sure and true.

" 27.—Mark 1:35-45.

" 28.—John 3:14-16.—In the Kingdom of God, the King loves every member of His Kingdom.

" 29.—Matt. 5:3-10.—The inhabitants of the Kingdom of God.

" 30.—Matt. 6:26-34.—In the Kingdom of God there is no lack of trust in the King.



November 6, 1927

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

"THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD WAR"

Matthew 26:51-54

To Leaders—If this subject does not produce discussion your League is in a bad way. But discussion is not the only thing you want. When the meeting is over you should have established the clear-cut purpose to make war on war. Assign the following subjects at least a week in advance of your meeting. A. War is unchristian in spirit because it promotes (1) Force as opposed to Justice, (2) Selfishness as opposed to Kindness, (3) Hate as opposed to Love, (4) Destruction as opposed to Construction, (5) Jealousy as opposed to Brotherhood, (6) Fraud as opposed to Honor. B. Can the International Mind be cultivated without the loss of Patriotism? C. How can war be abolished? (1) By a Federation of Nations? (2) By a Law against War with an International Court to Interpret and Enforce? (3) By Education? (4) By Evangelizing the World? D. What could our League do to help solve the War Problem? E. Debate: Resolved that all Christians should take the attitude of the Quakers toward war.

TOPIC

DID JESUS APPROVE FORCE?

Our scripture lesson gives the key to His whole attitude toward force. To save His life He would not justify force. He knew that force never really conquers. Love does. When you use force on a man you may compel his body to do certain things, you may even make him say things you want him to say, but his spirit is still his own. Jesus had power to compel the world to crown Him, but He would not use that power. Love conquers the spirit. Win a man's love and he is yours as long as love lasts.

Sherwood Eddy makes the following contrast between the way of Christ and the way of war. (Read it and ask for discussion as to its fairness. If it should be amended, how?)

"Jesus taught the fatherhood of a God of love; war enthrones a tribal god of exclusive nationalism. Jesus taught brotherhood; war is the uttermost denial of brotherhood in its mass murder and destruction. The heart of Jesus' philosophy

of life is self-sacrifice; the inevitable nature of war is the destruction and sacrifice of others. Jesus taught the overcoming of evil with good, without the retaliation of vengeance or hatred or vindictive reprisal. In a word, Christ teaches the way of the cross; war is the way of the sword. He comes that men may have life; war is organized for death. He launches in the world his great offensive of love, of positive goodwill; war is the reprisal of vindictive destruction. Christ seeks a kingdom of heaven; war is a method of hell."

THE FRUITS OF WAR

What possible good results of war can compare with this list of the fruits: Hate, murder, vengeance, falsehood, sexual passion, atrocity, defense of known evil, hardening of conscience, breakdown of moral standards, disease, famine, despair, poverty, revolution, lawlessness, violence, crime? (Ask for the good results of war and use a blackboard to write them down as they are given. See how they compare.)

FACTS TO FACE

A former premier of Italy said after the Great War: "The loss in human life and property, great as they are, are small evils compared with the undermining of morals and lowering of standards of culture and civilization." This is a strong statement when we consider that it would take \$20,000 per hour from the birth of Christ to the present day to pay the bill of the world for the Great War. America burned up \$9,000,000 per hour in ammunition during the war, every five hours enough to endow a great university like Columbia, and every day the stupendous sum of \$215,000,000.

As to lives lost, The Swedish Society for the Study of the Social Consequences of the War estimates 40,000,000 dead, 20,000,000 wounded, 9,000,000 orphaned, 5,000,000 widowed and 10,000,000 driven out of their home lands forever.

Modern methods of war involve whole populations. Even neutral nations are drawn into the conflict. Poisons, starvation, disease, are all considered in the strategy of today. Unless war is abolished it is not wild prophecy to foretell a war that will wipe humanity off the face of the earth.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Who can answer? Any one who knows His gospel story. To contrast the gentle, kindly, merciful Master with modern war is to be assured that if He were in the flesh, He would be found on the battlefield to save life not to destroy it, to love His enemies to Heaven, not to hate them into hell. He is the Prince of Peace. Let us

dedicate ourselves to the high task of winning the world to His standard. Let us preach a peace for men's souls that will create peace in their social relationships. Peace within the heart will mean peace without.



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

THE GOOD AND BAD IN NEWS-PAPERS AND MAGAZINES

June 10-13

To Leaders—You can not ask a more practical subject. One of the greatest problems of this age is the vast amount of cheap bad reading. Assign these questions at least one week in advance. 1. Bad Magazines are worse than bad friends. 2. Is the Modern Sunday Paper worth reading? 3. What are the arguments for and against the tabloid, illustrated newspaper? 4. How much do newspapers influence public opinion? 5. Why are newspapers and magazines cheap in price? Does this influence editorial policy? 6. What papers and magazines read in your town would find approval, judged by the principles of Jesus? A survey—have a committee list the names of magazines sold on the news-stands of your community, write the names on a blackboard and have the League decide by vote which are worth reading. Give time for argument over the merits of a magazine where there is any question. Another good demonstration would be to make a list of the five monthlies, five weeklies and one daily newspaper the League would choose if they could have no others. Debate: Resolved that the Lutheran Church should provide a list of approved newspapers and magazines for the guidance of her members.

TOPIC

COMMERCIALIZATION

Our Scripture Lesson refers to Balaam who was willing to curse his own people for reward. Judas sold his Master for money and there are men aplenty in these days of grace who are of the same tribe. Some of them are in the publishing business. They feature filthy stories, they picture the lurid details of murder trials, they hunt avidly for scandals in high places, simply because that kind of stuff sells. There is no sense of duty to man or God. If perverted public taste wants that kind of thing, they propose to provide it, at a price. This same greed has nearly ruined modern sports, the modern theater, modern democratic government and a great many other modern institutions. Sometimes it even gets into Church life. Dr. J. F. Ohl tells of a writer of very trashy Sunday School music who had the talent and ability to compose worth-while hymns. He asked him one day why he put out such stuff when he could help raise the standard of musical appreciation. His answer was that the people would buy the trash so he might as well take their money as someone else. This is the spirit of far too many of our modern publishers. We can thank God that there are still some who see their publications as real opportunities for service.

ONE QUESTION TO ASK

In choosing reading friends, just as in

choosing other friends, we ought to use discretion. They help to form our characters. Indeed there is less excuse for associating with bad literature than with bad people. You may help to raise the standards of your friends, if you have the courage, but your magazine friends only influence you. You should ask one simple question before choosing your literature, WOULD JESUS APPROVE?

A MODERN MENACE

Some of the charges that can be made against a large part of our magazines and newspapers need only to be stated to be admitted. They feature crime, making it attractive. They play upon sexual passions. They give unreal pictures of love and life. They offer heroes and heroines whose vices are glossed over until they seem virtues. Their too profuse illustrations and sentimental mush discourage the habit of clear thinking. They idealize drinking and divorce. They are time wasters, taking the place of literature that would broaden vision and implant worth-while ideas. They laugh at religion. They criticize the Church. They hide behind beautiful illustrations and lurid colored inks more lapses in English than the average high school teacher meets in the freshman English papers. They are "gutter literature."

WHAT TO DO?

It would be well worth while to study the newspapers and magazines being read in our homes, then frankly to decide whether they should be on our library tables. One particularly objectionable type of so-called health magazines was run out of town by the crusade of a young folks' organization. Perhaps we can agree tonight on some magazines and newspapers that we will pledge ourselves not to read and can influence our friends not to buy. Perhaps we can also decide on some newspapers and magazines that we will read and recommend to our friends. As Christians we should live by the standards of Jesus. It is just as important that we READ BY HIS STANDARDS.



November 20, 1927

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

BLESSINGS WE OFTEN FORGET A THANKSGIVING MEETING

Psalms 103:1-18

To Leaders—Your young folks will probably come to this meeting expecting to hear "the same old stuff" they have heard on Thanksgivings for many a year. Can you wake them up to a sincere appreciation of God's goodness? This meeting is your opportunity. Assign the following subjects for short talks: 1. What the 103rd Psalm teaches about thanksgiving. 2. Why I am thankful for my country. 3. Why I am thankful for my Church. 4. Why I am thankful for Luther League. 5. Why I am thankful for the Bible. 6. Why I am thankful for health.

Debate: Resolved that Thanksgiving Day as it will be celebrated in 1927 will do more harm than good.

TOPIC

ONE DAY

Dr. Maltbie Babcock suggests that instead of having one day for Thanksgiving it would be better to set apart one day for complaining, leaving all the rest of the days for Thanksgiving. That is a good idea. One day of thanks is not enough. Thanksgiving is a necessity for a truly successful life. If we cultivate the daily habit of thankfulness we have learned one rule for winning the game of life. Some one has written:

"Some men dig while others dream, some men boost while others knock;
Some men think the days are long, other men forget the clock;
Some men hope while other men go complaining day by day;
Have you ever met a man who has made complaining pay?"

A CLIMAX DAY

Nevertheless it is good to have a special day for Thanksgiving, not that we give thanks less daily, but that we take special time to think of the blessings we ordinarily forget. Our whole year should build up to this great day of thanksgiving.

REMEMBER HIM

Material blessings crowd into our lives so that spiritual blessings must take to the dark corners. Great days were those in our lives when He seemed most near, great days when we were sure we were meeting Him in the way we were going. Perhaps we were in trouble and He shared the weight of woe. Perhaps it was some occasion of joy, when we were happy in the assurance of His presence. Those are memorable days and Thanksgiving should recall them to mind. What a wave of thankfulness should go from Christian hearts this year as confirmation days are remembered. An Eastern fable tells of Zacchaeus, when he was an old man. Every morning he would leave his home carrying a bottle of water. He would come back an hour later ready to begin with zest the day's work. One morning his wife followed him to see what he was doing. She found him by the foot of a tree, digging up the soil and watering the roots. It was the tree where he had climbed to see Jesus. From it he had first heard his Master's voice calling him. No wonder each day was full of joy, begun in the memory of his first meeting with Jesus. Whatever else we may remember thankfully on Thanksgiving Day, let us remember our first meeting with

Jesus. (Have a few minutes of silent prayer asking each one to recall special days that brought Jesus close and to lift a silent prayer of thanks.)

REMEMBER CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION

There is much wrong with modern life and it is easy to find opportunities for criticizing our "so-called" Christian civilization. Any one who reads history knows that life is better today than ever before and better in lands where Christ is known than in non-Christian countries. In a vague way we think of the provisions the merciful world is making for the relief of the needy. We also recall the place our religion had in offering education to poor as well as rich and in founding governments where "a man is a man." We are not surprised that after three years in the African jungle seeking Livingston, when Stanley came out into a clearing and saw a mission house with the cross gleaming over it, he could shout "O blessed sign of Christian civilization." Let us bow our heads and reverently think of all the blessings we enjoy because of the influence of Christianity upon the age in which we live. (After a short period of silence, ask some one to lead in a prayer of thanks for our Christian civilization.)

MEMORY PRACTICE

(Have a blackboard ready and list the blessings for which we should be thankful as they are suggested by the Leaguers. These blessings must be of the kind that we usually forget. They should also be blessings in which all share rather than individual blessings.)

THE SPIRITUAL IS BEST

We will all agree that the little thanks we give to God is largely given over to our material blessings. He is the source of these and if we can in child-like humility thank God as a kindly Father who provides for our daily wants we have learned a primary lesson in living. But to remember how "God so loved the world that he sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him might have everlasting life" is a higher form of appreciation. Through Christ we have forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Beside such gifts the glory of all material blessings fades. A sick man had time now to consider his blessings. The great preacher Alexander Maclaren was calling on him and reminding him of God's great love for him. His face beamed with joy and turning to Maclaren he said, "If I was well I would shout God's praise from the house-tops." "Perhaps," answered the great dominie, "but isn't it a shame you did not shout while you had the power? We

should not let the empty cup be the first teacher of the blessings possessed when it was full."



ALL THE DAYS

"Lo, I am with you all the days and all day long."
Matthew 28:20.

Cause me, O gracious Lord, to know
That when I need Thee Thou art near;
And then Thy loving presence show,
That perfect love may cast out fear.

Thou know'st how oft my wandering soul
Forgets Thou hast a wounded side,
And hands out-stretched to make me whole
If there I shelter and abide.

Saviour, I need the constant sight
Of all that Thou hast borne for me;
But let Thy resurrection's light
Shine on Thy cross and agony.

So shall that light illumine the skies
When dark clouds hide Thy face from me;
But when through them to Thee I rise,
Then all Thy love seems known to me.

Then "all the days and all day long"
Thy presence shall be still my joy,
And, learning the archangels' song,
Praise shall eternity employ.

—T. F. H., *Record of Christian Work.*



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IF YOU WERE A HOME MISSIONARY WHERE WOULD YOU WORK?

Mark 1:35-45

(To Leaders—In answer to the question, "Where would you want to work if you were a home missionary?" the leader may ask the members to write their answers, the answers to be read or summarized and put on the blackboard for consideration before the program given below is rendered.)

Leader—We are much inclined to spend our time thinking what we would do—if—if we were millionaires, or if we had talent, or if we had the opportunities of other people.

Our problem today is an "IF" problem. If you were a home missionary where would you want to work? The problem is an interesting one. The home mission field is an extensive one and the work to be done is so pressing that it may be difficult to decide just where you would want to work if you were a home missionary. Let us consider some of the fields and some of the forms of work. No. 1. There is a verse in Leviticus which makes us feel the appeal that comes from the immigrants in our country. "And the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself." In our coal mines, in our mills and canneries, in most of our large industries there are large

groups of immigrants—"Strangers who dwelleth with us." Many of them are homesick and lonely and have not been treated as "one born among us." The report of the former president of the Immigrant Mission Board says: "The nation has a duty toward the many thousands of people who have come to our shores as sojourners among us, and the Church has a greater duty to provide the Gospel for these thousands. To do this it is necessary for us to preach the Gospel in many languages. The Board has been providing the Word in the Slovak, the Hungarian, the Lettish, the Windish, the Finnish, the Assyrian, and the Italian tongue. During the biennium an urgent call and plea came for us to look after the Esthonian Lutherans in America. This field includes millions of Lutherans who are in America without a spiritual shepherd and other millions not evangelized who are needing the preacher of love and the practice of the Gospel in dealing with them."

"These millions are scattered over the entire United States and Canada. Whilst in our cities are found large colonies of these groups, in other sections they are found in smaller numbers and frequently in such small numbers that they can be served only in houses with an occasional service. Thousands of them are lost to us because we have not 'loved them as our own,' but have left them without a shepherd and others have reaped where our fathers across the sea have sown."

Leader—"The mission obligation to gather into churches and render spiritual ministrations to the immigrants is urgent. It must be said to the honor of these people that they have a keen sense of their needs and a noble desire to establish the Church of their fathers in the land of their adoption for themselves and their children." This appeal is an urgent one; but there are other appeals for home mission work.

No. 2. Our Jewish Mission Work presents a strong claim to those who would give themselves to home mission work. In the 11th chapter of Romans we find, "Hath God then cast away his people? God forbid . . . Blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved." At Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Toledo we have Jewish mission stations. But these are not enough. In many of our churches the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity was observed as "Jewish Mission Sunday." The work among the Jews is not an easy work; but can there be a stronger appeal than the appeal to preach Christ to God's chosen people?

Leader—This is a call that we have been slow in heeding. It is an urgent call; but there are still other home mission calls.

No. 3. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Literally speaking, the impoverished castaways of our slums "labor and are heavy laden." These unfortunates need our help. Whether they be Italian, Jew, or American, their call comes to us. Workers for the social organizations, the Board of Charities and the like are often the only people from the outside who have a chance to enter these homes and come in contact with the deplorable conditions. These people who "labor and are heavy laden" need the Truth and "the Truth shall make them free."

No. 4. I am of the opinion that work among the mountain people and in the outlying districts is among the most important of our home mission work. Living in conditions of mental, moral and physical need, these ignorant neighbors, many of them knowing neither how to read nor write, need education to Christianity and letters in a most appalling way. Large families, living in one-room houses, with light and sunshine shut out, need home mission workers. In the mountain schools boys and girls, men and women up to the age of three score and ten come to learn the fundamentals of education. The women help the men in the fields and are old at thirty. In our mission schools in the mountains the children are taught, in addition to the usual school subjects, how to cook and sew and be clean. We have so many of these people and so few workers among them. We need more mountain schools and we need more home mission workers.

Leader—Is there anything that can be done along this line unless a home mission worker is employed in one of our mission schools or as a parish worker?

No. 4. Yes. A young woman who wants to do home mission work and has no position offered to her in one of our few mountain schools has the opportunity to do splendid service through the public schools. A position in a public school in one of these

districts may be secured. As a school teacher she will have abundant opportunity to be a home mission worker. In addition to what she can do through the school room, she will have the opportunity to visit the homes in the community.

Leader—This last call is a strong one and the suggestion for service through the public school has great possibilities in it. Are there other places where a home missionary may work?

No. 5. The work among the North American Indians presents a strong appeal. We hear little of this work, but we know something of the work of the teachers in the Indian Reservations. To the Indian youth who are brought up from youth with the belief that there is a God of the harvest and one of famine, and another of pestilence, the teacher in the school has a rare chance to show through geography and science, as well as through the Bible, that there is one God of the universe. Many of these Indians are poor and live in unheard of squalor. They are in dire distress and need our every effort of assistance. Some of them have suddenly become rich from oil properties. No less than the poorer Indians, those who are wealthy need to know of the one God. They are overcome with prosperity.

Leader—The Indians have a claim which no other people in our country have. Is there still another field for home mission work?

No. 6. The work of our home mission pastors has not been mentioned. This has been the one kind of work that has more often been designated as home mission work than any other work. The story of our large Western districts without churches of any denomination and especially without Lutheran churches presents a strong appeal. In many of our large cities in all districts there are no Lutheran churches. The United Lutheran Church of today is largely the result of home missions of yesterday.

Leader—Are there other types of home mission work to be mentioned?

(Give the members the opportunity to answer.)

Leader—We have heard the calls. We must answer them in some way.

Intermediate Topics

November 6, 1927

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO PRESERVE WORLD PEACE?

Ps. 34:12-16; Matt. 5:9

Our subject, as you have doubtless de-

cided, is a pretty big one for 'teen agers, who in themselves seemingly have little to do in the maintenance of world-peace. Still nations do on a big scale what we do in a more mild form. For instance we assign



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the causes of war to jealousy, misunderstanding, bigotry, greed, hate, etc. How often are we blamable for the same sins, and how often do individuals and families clash as a result of them? Society and nations, therefore, keep peace or break it in proportion to the mind and spirit in the individuals composing same. Our responsibility, then, as young people is to concern ourselves about keeping peace right around us.

To preserve World peace we should realize (1) That a Brotherhood of man is impossible without the Fatherhood of God. So long as individuals and nations leave God out of the picture peace is insecure. World peace is an ideal. Once Christ becomes the accepted Saviour of all nations the ideal of peace will dominate. Christ alone will dissipate the diseases of the mind and heart that otherwise make for the undoing of peace. So the biggest factor we Christians have at our power is to preach Christ to all nations. The church is making a bigger contribution to World peace by preaching Christ than the world is ready to admit.

(2) That preaching Christ applies as forcibly in our dealings and contacts with the peoples of other nationalities and color with whom we come in daily contact. Representatives of the world live all about us. What attitude are we taking toward them? Are we nursing old time grudges that foment bigotry, suspicion, etc., or are we dominated by a sense of brotherliness through Godliness?

(3) That we should give expression to peaceable conduct in all our relations with others. In discussing permanent World peace we sometimes forget that war between nations is only an exaggerated form of hatred and enmity for others. Children quarrel at play, neighbors will sever a long standing friendship over some trivial question, and nation will take arms against na-

tion. These are examples of the same emotional disturbances. They differ only in the degree of intensity.

(4) That peace is a condition of respect for others. Jesus came to love men from old customs into better conditions, and he chose to do it by means of love. To do that He had to upset old ideas of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth by saying that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. Wish peace to all men and you will at once substitute wrong methods and wrong approaches for those that assure peace.

The youth of the world must take the lead in this peace movement. Many adults are converted to the idea that wars cannot possibly be prevented. A London newspaper recently stated "No man believes in his heart of hearts that war has disappeared forever." Marshal Foch has said, "The next war will come within a period of fifteen years." Such propaganda will play a large part in bringing about war, for the world usually gets what it wants; but a counter movement by our youth the world over will do much to lessen, if not prevent, future wars.

Is War Justifiable?

Is it always easy to be at peace with others?

Can love be practiced between nations as it is between individuals?

Is there any ground outside of Christianity on which World peace can be based?

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AVOIDING DANGEROUS HABITS

1 Thess. 4:7; 5:22

The way to avoid dangerous or bad habits is to form good habits, for it is just as easy to form good habits as bad ones. It ought to be easier, because, when we form good habits, we have God on our side, and when we form bad ones, we are going against God. Jer. 26:13.

The forming of habits begins early in life, and almost every thing we do is the result of habit.



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Walking is a habit, and we all know how slowly it is formed. If we have watched the toddling and tottering steps of the baby for weeks and months, until it had learned to walk with ease and grace, we have had a picture of the forming of a habit.

If we do good things again and again, they become easier every time, and at last they become habits, and we do them with great ease and oft-times without knowing it. After these habits become more fixed in us we will find that it will be easier for us to do right than to do wrong, to be good than to be bad.

The habits you boys and girls form now, at home, in school and in Sunday school, in the Luther League, in your study and in your play, will stick to you as you grow up and will help to make you the kind of men and women you are going to be.

Be careful, therefore, what kind of habits you form. It will be easier for you to form good ones and to get rid of bad ones now than when you are older. Deut. 30:17-18.

Even animals form habits. There is a story of an old horse that had been used in a brick yard to raise clay out of the earth. He was hitched to a long pole, and had to go round and round in a circle all day long. After doing this work for many years he became old and blind and too stiff to be of any more use. He was turned into a pasture and left to crop the grass with no one to disturb or trouble him. But the funny thing about the old horse was that every morning, after he had eaten grass awhile, he would start on a tramp, going round and round in a circle, just as he had been used to do for so many years. Form the habit of going to Sunday School, Luther League and Church regularly, as Jesus did, and then like the old horse in the story, you will never get away from it.

If you do not form bad habits you do not need to get rid of them. If you form good habits, they will go with you all through life. Ps. 57:7.

Habits are like cords, Prov. 5:22. Cords are used to bind things with; to tie something fast, like a horse or a boat, and they are used to make nets with that catch and hold fishes.

Now what are some of these cords or habits that bind boys and girls and are so dangerous to them and therefore need to be avoided. They are such as dishonesty, falsehood, meanness, disobedience, laziness. Of course laziness may ^{be} thought to be a sin. It is, however, and one of the worst. This is because it leads up to so many sins. Busy hands seldom get into mischief or trouble. "Keep Busy and You Will Never

Get into Trouble." That is what we need to remember and obey. If boys and girls keep busy doing something useful they will keep sweet and moreover, they will never get tangled in the cords of bad habits. The sure way to avoid dangerous habits is to keep busy doing something good and worthwhile.

Our New Testament tells us that, "Jesus was always going about doing good." As we come to Luther League Sunday after Sunday and learn about Jesus, and how He wants us to live, let us be His messengers and tell other boys and girls how He wants them to live. This is the best way to keep busy and to cultivate the habit of going about, doing good, and dangerous habits will be easily avoided.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1—Name some good habits.
- 2—Name habits that are dangerous and therefore to be avoided.
- 3—What kind of habits did Jesus form? Name them.
- 4—What kind of habits did Judas form? Name them.
- 5—Think of Martin Luther, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and tell what you know about their habits.

November 20, 1927

"THE BEST WAYS TO BE THANKFUL

Mark 12:29-34

We take it for granted that to be thankful is a normal human attitude. No right-minded person can be constantly receiving gifts and favors without showing at least some gratitude for them—although it is true that emotion is oft-times rather faint. But a Christian certainly may be expected to recognize God as the great Source of all his blessings, and to realize that some recognition of this fact is rightly due from him.

Thankfulness is not a mere matter of words or of formal attitude. To be real it must be a part of our lives. Thus it will be reflected in conduct and will be emphasized and developed in action. Gratitude is not a sleeping virtue. Unless it is living, busy, active, it is dead.

There are probably wrong ways to be thankful—rather, ways of showing our gratitude in life and conduct which fall short of what is best and most effective. Such a way, for instance, is to make the matter of thanksgiving a mere cataloguing of blessings received. A familiar hymn exhorts us to "count our many blessings," to "name them one by one." This is a pious exercise but it is very far from being the best way in which to express our thankful-

ness for the goodness of God. It seems to emphasize the quantity and extent, rather than the quality of divine mercy and to imply that if one thinks he doesn't have so very many things for which to be grateful, he need be only a little bit thankful. While it is true that even the most unfortunate of mortals has more blessings than at first he may think, no one's thankfulness should be dependent on the much or the little he calls his own. (Eph. 5:20.)

In this matter, as well as in everything else that has to do with the moral life our Lord Jesus Christ points the way to the best. Let us examine His suggestion as to the best ways to be thankful.

"THE BEST WAYS TO BE THANKFUL"

I. We are reminded that love to God is the first requirement from men who acknowledge God, and want to serve Him. Jesus was not saying anything new here, but simply quoting and approving what a pious Jew would already know. (Deut. 6:4-9.) Love is never forced, so far as God is concerned, but when it is full and free, gratitude is found as a large part of it. We love Him because He first loved us and our love is awakened by the realization of all that He has done for us.

II. Love for God implies love for others. We cannot escape the vital connection between these two. No man can say he loves God if he does not love his neighbor also. Anything else is hypocritical pretense.

III. If we truly love God and men we want to express that love in some way. Our gratitude to God will seek expression and will find it in what we can do for others. What an inspiring thought it is that we can thus translate thankfulness into helpfulness—our love for God into service for others.



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DOING OUR BIT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Lk. 10:1-20; Acts 6:1-7; 1 John 3:14-24; Mal. 3:7-12
(This topic is presented in place of the monthly missionary topic, in order to acquaint ourselves with the great campaign in which our united church is engaged in the raising of an endowment for Ministerial Pensions and Relief.)

The raising of \$4,000,000 for Ministerial Pension and Relief denotes a big task, requiring a maximum of intelligence, loyalty and consecration on the part of every individual and organization in the church to make a success of it. Let us then study this topic with a view of getting knowledge and of lending our help.

The United Lutheran Church in convention at Richmond last fall authorized it, and the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief is responsible for raising it. The Rev.

Edgar Grim Miller, D.D., the Board's beloved and capable Executive Secretary, whose death occurred this past summer, was the moving spirit in the conception of the campaign, and had personally laid all the plans for it. While the church authorized it, and the Board of Ministerial Pension and Relief is raising it, we are giving it.

It is nothing more nor less than doing our duty by our ministers, most of whom have served the church at a financial sacrifice. Since the church calls and ordains its ministers to preach and teach, rightly expecting them to give full time service, it becomes the duty of the church to provide for their earthly needs at a time when their services no longer produce monetary returns.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM IT?

Only the interest of the \$4,000,000 is to be used, (1) to pension aged ministers; widows of ministers and their dependent children. The amount of pension is \$300 annually to retired ministers. Widows receive \$200 annually. An allowance of \$50 yearly is made for each child under 16; (2) to provide relief to aged ministers and widows in special emergency cases.

WHAT IT MEANS

To the church it means an honest show at doing what is honorable and right toward its aged ministers.

To the ministers (most of them at least) it means relief from worry and care, not only after their earning power ceases, but through their active ministry. The Pension system becomes a lighthouse in aiding them to safely sail the stormy and dark seas of after years.

To the young men who are called into the ministry it means that the church intends to follow up its call with sure promise of freedom from anxiety in latter years.

It means that the parsonage widow and her children are to be cared for.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

This year at our national Luther League convention it was decided to accept a small biennial objective in order to encourage every League to get behind the campaign to help raise this \$4,000,000. We can help as follows:

- 1—Pray for its success.
- 2—Save and give our bit.
- 3—Endorse the campaign by a vote and post the results in the church.
- 4—Tell our parents we are for it and intend to do our bit.

(To Leaders: Your pastor has doubtless received considerable printed literature on this subject. Procure copies from him for additional information.)

Junior Department

The accounts of the luncheon and exhibit are left over from the convention story.

Junior Luncheon

was held. Mr. Charles Fuhr acted as toastmaster, and while we enjoyed the excellent repast prepared by the good ladies of St. John's, we also enjoyed a short program of greetings from various Junior workers, interspersed by songs and yells from the different delegations. Pennsylvania and New York seemed equally anxious to claim all the national officers and celebrities as their own special property, until even "Uncle Amos" did not know where he belonged!

The program opened with the Junior Rally Hymn and greetings were brought from the local Junior League by Rachel Heilig, one of the Juniors, and Miss Mildred Brown, their superintendent.

Mrs. Wolf, wife of our Intermediate Secretary, was next presented to the delegates.

Miss Edith Fick, of Texas, and Miss Mary Moss, of Florida, brought greetings from our newest State Leagues.

The Rev. D. E. Fritts spoke for New Jersey, emphasizing the great opportunity in the Junior Department.

Mr. Herbert Fischer spoke for Omaha—no, for Nebraska—and promised a lively number of Juniors when we meet there.

Miss Edith Menkel in behalf of the Maryland Synod promised cooperation of that body in the Junior Department.

Miss Marguerite Arnholdt spoke for the Greensburg District which grew from three to eight Junior Leagues in several months.

Mr. M. Haller Frey was Pennsylvania's representative and threw out a challenge to New York to step up to Pennsylvania in this department.

The Rev. Fred Reissig, President of New York State League, accepted this challenge, promising results, and introducing their new Junior Secretary, Miss Mary MacDonald, as the one to do the work.

Time prevented us from hearing from some of the other Leagues represented.

The Revs. Wolf and Traver spoke on behalf of the Luther League of America, and the Junior Secretary in closing presented the prize winner in the National Poster Contest—Rachel Heilig, of St. John's, Salisbury, who exhibited her poster. The awards in the Reading Course Contest were also made, seventeen Junior Leagues receiving pictures for work done.

The Luncheon closed with "Junior League" sung to the tune of "Taps."

The favors at this Luncheon were quite unique. Each one received a Junior leaflet and an invitation to a Junior meeting, made by the Juniors of Redeemer, Monaca, Pa. From the Italian Junior League in Philadelphia came yellow paper daffodils. From Grace, Reading, Pa., came candle holders. From Porto Rico came cards with the Luther League emblem and beads grown there and strung by the Juniors. And from the Virgin Islands came cards with sea shells from those islands and the Luther League emblem. A box of pine needles which the Nova Scotia Juniors sent arrived too late for the Luncheon, but will be used in another way.

The Junior Exhibit

No report of the Junior Department's program would be complete without mention of the Junior Exhibit.

One large room of the church was filled with material gathered from Junior Leagues throughout the Luther League of America. There were hundreds of posters, note books, invitations to the meetings, handwork of all kinds, reed baskets, quilts, cushions, scrap books, maps, pictures of the Juniors themselves, programs of meetings—the material cannot be fully enumerated.

The delegates spent much time between sessions with their note books and pencils working, copying and taking down ideas—and this carried back to the

Leagues at home will do much for more and better Leagues.

Among the displays deserving of special mention are (1) the Ohio exhibit showing groups of their Juniors and some fine notebooks, (2) the York District, which sent over 50 splendid large posters advertising their monthly District Junior meetings, (3) the Junior Training School of the Pittsburgh District which sent the minutes of all their meetings, a complete set of their programs, a full set of all our literature finely mounted, a set of posters on the Reading Course, an outline of "Martin of Mansfeld"—all work done in their class, (4) posters from St. Petri's and Zion Olney, Philadelphia, Pa., (5) 25 posters, a large quilt and toys from Grace, Reading, Pa., and (6) the displays from the Virgin Islands and Porto Rico. These attracted much attention. There were pictures of the Junior Leaguers in these islands, beads they had strung, reed baskets and hats, doll dresses, embroidered handkerchiefs and napkins, a beautiful set of sewing cards from the Virgin Islands, and posters.

To those in the work new inspiration and help was secured from the whole presentation of Junior work: to those who did not before know the possibilities a vision of great things which can be done for the Luther League was carried away to be expressed in new activity, new service through the Junior Department.

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"OF THE JUNIORS—BY THE JUNIORS—FOR THE JUNIORS"

DEAR JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS:—

Since June 1 the Junior Secretary has been in the office about three or four days, so writing and correspondence have become rather hectic.

June was spent in Texas and Florida, where we hope some beginnings were made

for Junior Leagues in the near future. Next came Salisbury. Of this we have already written. If you have not already done so use the August and September REVIEWS and tell to the Juniors just what was done at our National Convention.

The convention of the Ridgway Conference District League was next visited. We were literally up on the "mountain tops" for this convention, traveling up to St. Petersburg in Western Pennsylvania for this convention. An earnest group of workers assembled here and we were happy to tell them of League work, especially the Junior Department.

A stop in Pittsburgh permitted us to visit and talk to the "Junior Training Class of the Pittsburgh District." This is a group of selected Juniors from the various Junior Leagues in Pittsburgh who have been meeting once a week during the past year and been instructed in the principles of Junior League work. This group of Juniors knows more about the Junior League than some of the superintendents! So interested were they that they decided to continue their meetings during the summer. We hope to give in this Department soon their course of study and some of their plans.

The next day a Conference of all the Pittsburgh leaders and all interested in Junior work was held in St. Mark's Church, and these same Juniors contributed the program.

So well did these Juniors conduct this Conference that the interest of the Superintendents and visitors never lacked a moment, and the request came that such Conferences be arranged monthly. This speaks well for the Pittsburgh Juniors!

Hartwick Summer Assembly at Hartwick Seminary, N. Y., was our next stopping place. Here we had charge of the children, conducting a class for them in the morning, speaking to the Assembly twice on children's work, teaching the Primary Department of Sunday School, and giving a demonstration program with the children. These were Primary and Beginner children, and the Junior Secretary turned kindergartner! The Hartwick Assembly was very fine, with Dr. Shimer, Rev. Jensen, Mr. Blackwelder and some more of our Luther League friends there.

Gettysburg Assembly was our next stop. Here we had five periods on Missionary Methods. Three of them were devoted to children's work, with the children of the Gettysburg churches helping to demonstrate Primary and Junior methods. A Luther League meeting with echoes from Salisbury was also arranged. The General Secretary

presented Young People's Methods during the whole Assembly, so altogether it was a fine assembly!

A night trip brought us to Erie in time to get into the last day of the Pennsylvania Convention. We were back home here in the stronghold of our Junior Department and enjoyed this one day with what all say was the best convention Pennsylvania ever had. The Juniors had a fine demonstration and convention all their own, which the Erie Juniors prepared, and which all agreed was most interesting.

A long trip next took us to the Middle West, where we visited six state conventions, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

In Minnesota our good Luther League friend, Dr. Bieber, keeps things moving. We were only able to be with the Minnesota Leaguers for two sessions, but managed to tell them a little about Junior work. They had a fine banquet and a picnic, besides good inspirational addresses.

We next went to Kansas where we visited the Leaguers of Kansas in their Camp, established by our Intermediate Secretary, Mr. Wolf. Three days acclimated us to camp life and gave us the opportunity to present the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Departments. These Leaguers are ready to reach their quota for the new League Objective, are all keyed up for Omaha in 1929 and are a group of earnest, sincere young people.

We are now on our way to the Nebraska Convention and will write more of the other Western conventions next month.

Sincerely,
BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE,
Junior Secretary.

JUNIOR HINTS

Have you sent in a contribution to the Junior Hand Book Fund? If not, do so as soon as possible. We want to have this book ready to send out soon!

Are you using the Junior Reading Course? Start these books in circulation?

What about a Sustaining Membership? Have you taken one out?

Have you helped a Junior League to organize? Is there a church somewhere that you can interest?

Write to the Junior Secretary and tell her about your work.

—♦—
November 6, 1927

OUR SLOVAK STUDENTS

Jane Gilbert

Note—One of the types of work being done under the Board of American Missions is the aid and encouragement of young Slovak men who are studying to be able to serve as pastors to their own people.

Literature that may be ordered from the Women's Missionary Society, Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.:
 Slovak Susan. An Impersonation. Price 2 cents.
 Twentieth Century Adventure. A booklet published by the Board of American Missions. Free.

Aim—To help the boys and girls to understand and sympathize with people of other lands living in America and to make friends with Slovak students for the ministry.

Preparation—Ask children to bring to the meeting something that has been made in Czecho-Slovakia, beads, jugs, or anything easily carried. Prepare short pieces of ribbon to be used in game described below. Have a modern map of Europe for display. Make poster of bright colored cardboard, decorated in corners with any simple cross-stitch design enlarged. Letter across top the greeting familiar to Slovaks, "Nazdar," meaning "To your health." Miniatures of poster as invitations may be made.

Display beads, jugs and whatever have been brought, saying that these have been made in Czecho-Slovakia.

Game Before Session—Ask each member to tell as nearly as he can from what nationality his mother and father are descended. Pin on him the color or colors for the countries named. Leader might make clear the plan by telling first what colors he may wear and pinning them on. Colors: France, light blue; Germany, yellow; Holland, orange; Italy, green; Russia, gray; Great Britain, dark blue; Poland, red; Czecho-Slovakia, white; Scandinavia, light green; United States of America, red, white and blue. (From Suggestions to Leaders, High Adventure by Fjeril Hess.)

Leader—Display poster and explain the meaning of the word "Nazdar." Suggest that every one greet each other with that word. If our friend, the Slovak youth who is studying to be a preacher to his own people were here he would be able to use many other words of that language. Speak of people who come to America from many lands and especially of the Slovak people. Let us think of these new friends as (Fred) reads the Bible Lesson.

Bible Reading—(By an older boy.) Acts 2:1-11.

Hymn—Jesus Shall Reign.

Leader—Speak of the many people of different nationalities who came to Jerusalem to the feasts. How when Peter preached to them all understood him. Love is a language that all can understand; also smiles and laughter and gifts. There are many ways of showing friendliness without speech. But people who come from other lands to America cannot always learn to understand English at once. That is why they must have preachers who speak their

own language. Slovak students are studying to be that kind of a pastor. What do we know about the Slovak people in America? See how many of the questions you can answer.

"Ask Me Another" Questions—(Show map for answer to question as to location).

Story—Folk-tale, Jesus and Peter. See Lutheran Boys and Girls, October 22. Slovak Susan. (Leaflet in packet.)

Hymn—Thanksgiving hymn may be sung or "Saviour Teach Me Day by Day."

Sentence Prayers—By members of group, closing with

Prayer by Leader—Dear Lord of the whole wide world, Thou who hast created us for Thyself, help us to help Thee bring all men unto Thyself. Life up our eyes from our small neighborhoods and let them find distant horizons. Help us to know and appreciate the homelands of other folks, that we may all know and love the home lands of all the world. May we truly desire to help Thee. So may we be willing to give and to give up in order to be Thy helpers to others. We ask it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

"ASK ME ANOTHER" QUESTIONS

1. About how many Slovaks are in the United States?
2. What kind of work do most of them do?
3. Where is Czecho-Slovakia?
4. What church do many Slovak people belong to in their own country?
5. What do they miss in this country that they have at home?
6. How can we help Slovak students in their work?

Prepared under the auspices of the Light Brigade Department of the Women's Missionary Society.

November 13, 1927

JUNIOR LEAGUE AROUND THE WORLD

(Luther League Topic)

(Note—Decorate the room for this meeting with the Luther League colors. If you can get flags of different nations they will add to the attractiveness of the room. The Juniors may be in costume, or they may carry placards with the names of the countries which they represent. Invite the Senior League to come to this meeting.)

First Junior—I am so glad that I belong to the Luther League of America. Did you read in the last LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW what a fine society the Luther League is becoming and what a great convention they had at Salisbury last summer?

Second Junior—Yes, I read all about it and I am so glad too that I belong to the Junior League. But here come a lot of other boys and girls, how strange they look.

Surely they don't belong to the Luther League!

(Enter a group of Juniors to represent the Junior Leagues in other lands.)

Juniors (in concert)—Oh, yes, we do belong to the Junior League. Listen and we will tell you.

Junior (representing Virgin Islands)—I come from the Virgin Islands. We surely have Junior Leagues there. There is one at Christiansted and one at Frederiksted. Miss Ethel Mosteller, our Leaguer from Pennsylvania is in charge. We sent an exhibit to the national convention. We go to conventions just as the Juniors up in the United States. Indeed we do belong to the Luther League!

Junior (representing Porto Rico)—We don't belong to the Luther League? Well we certainly do! We have seven strong Junior Leagues in Porto Rico. Some of these use the Topics which have been translated into Spanish. Indeed we are not left out of the Luther League!

Junior (representing China)—We want to belong to the Luther League, too. There are young people in China that some day may belong to the Luther League and perhaps some time we shall have some Junior Leagues too. Won't you help the boys and girls of China by sending us missionaries and starting some Junior Leagues?

Junior (representing India)—The Junior League has come to India, too. We have a Boys' League at Rajahmundry. We should have more. Now that the Luther League has given us help in Andhra Christian College we know they are interested in us. We hope to have more Junior Leagues some day.

Junior (representing South America)—We have Luther Leagues in South America and some of our missionaries are Luther Leaguers. We may have some Junior Leagues some time soon. Won't you help us?

Junior (representing Japan)—We come from far off Japan. We need the Junior League there, too. We need to know more about the Saviour. Our idols are of stone and wood. Can you send us the message of the loving Saviour?

Junior (representing Africa)—Can't we have some Junior Leagues in Africa, too?

First Junior—I didn't know that all these people were thinking about Junior League! But who are the rest of these folks. Surely they have made a mistake. They don't belong here!

(Enter group of Juniors with placards.)

Junior (representing Orphan Homes)—We represent the Junior Leagues in Orphan Homes. At Zelenople, in Pennsylvania, we

have a fine Junior League at the Orphan Home. These boys and girls contributed \$25 to Andhra College. There are Junior Leagues in some of our other Orphan Homes, too. We belong to the Luther League!

Junior (representing Settlements)—I belong to the Luther League, too. I am the Settlement Leagues. In Philadelphia in Settlement House we have a fine Junior League. Then at our Italian Settlement in Philadelphia we have another. In New York at the Italian Mission we have another.

Second Junior—Well I didn't know that there were Junior Leagues in all these places.

First Junior—I didn't either. Let's try to have Junior Leagues everywhere so that the boys and girls everywhere may be learning the things we learn in Junior League. There is a song we all can sing.

All sing Junior Luther League Rally Hymn.

(For hand work let the Juniors cut from back numbers of the REVIEW pictures of Junior Leagues from different places and place on a large sheet of cardboard, which can be hung on the wall.)

November 20, 1927

HOW WILL YOU GIVE THANKS

(Thanksgiving)

Miss Loye Bayless

PROGRAM

Hymn—Can a Little Child Like Me Thank the Father Fittingly?

Psalm—100.

Bible Verses—About "Thanks."

Sentence Prayers—Of Thankfulness.

Hymn—Praise Him, Praise Him.

How Can We Give Thanks?—Answered by four Juniors.

1. Thanksgiving in song. "Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before His presence with singing." As did the Psalmist of old, so can we show forth our thankfulness and thus worship the Lord. Surely we have reason to rejoice and be glad. God is good to us. Every day He blesses us. When we take time to think of the many things He is giving us we cannot help but feel happy. In the League and Church services we can express our grateful hearts in song. We can join heartily in the singing of hymns and thus praise and thank God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

2. Thanking God in Prayer. Thanks can be given to God by singing songs and by praying prayers. Jesus always thanked God for everything given to Him. When He had received the food to feed the five thousand He gave thanks before He distributed it to His disciples. We, too, should

always thank God for the food He has given us before we eat it. Prayer is talking to God. We can say "Thank You" to Him. Our blessings are daily, so should our prayers be daily.

"It is very nice to think

The world is full of meat and drink,

With little children saying grace,

In every Christian kind of place."

—*Child's Garden of Verses.*

3. Thanksgiving by giving. Another way of saying "Thank You" to God is by bringing Him gifts. As Jesus sat in the temple and watched the people drop their money into the chests He could see that some of them freely gave their money because they loved God and others gave a great deal of money so that people near might see and think they were good. When Jesus saw a very poor woman come in and drop into the chest two mites He knew that she loved God and thanked Him for what He had done for her. Two mites were not as much as one penny. It was a very small gift, but it was all she had. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all of her living." God can tell how thankful we are by our gifts to Him.

Hymn—"Give," Said the Little Stream.

4. Thanksgiving by Thanksliving. Words tell of our thanks and love but deeds prove them. True thankfulness will show itself in service. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." We serve Jesus when we help those in need. We show our love for Him when we share our gifts with those who are not so fortunate as we. (Juniors suggest ways of Thanksliving.)

Hymn—God Make My Life a Little Light.

How Will I give Thanks?—Juniors volunteer to answer by making statements beginning with "I will."

Offering.

Doxology—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.

Suggestions—Divide Juniors in six groups. Let one group be the choir and sing the Hymns, another group offer prayers, another present the lesson, etc. Write on cardboard, cut in imitation of fruit or vegetable, what part each Junior shall have on the program. As they receive their parts let them arrange themselves in their respective groups.

For handwork, have the children make placards with thanksgiving thoughts to be placed about the League room. The following are suggestive:

Thanksgiving is Thanksliving.

God is blessing us. Are we praising Him?

Think and Thank.

Count Your Blessings.

Say "Thank You" to God.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

God has remembered you. Remember Him.

November 27, 1927

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Laura Wade Rice

Leader—We left Paul at Antioch. He loved to go home and tell the people about the wonderful work God was doing everywhere in turning the hearts of the Jews and the Gentiles to love and believe in Jesus Christ. Paul's second journey had lasted more than three years, but you may be sure he did not stay long at Antioch, but was away again soon to visit his dear churches to the northwest. Our plane will go north first then west and stop over the great city of Ephesus. Paul stayed there for three years. He found a helper there.

Junior reads Acts 18:24-27.

Junior reads Acts 19:8-11.

Leader—Bad-hearted people tried to stop him, but by the power of God more and more of the Ephesians became Christians.

Junior—See—Ephesus is a beautiful city, only there are so many statues and images of their heathen gods, but any way their statues are beautiful, not like most heathen idols. Isn't the temple of Diana beautiful? No wonder the Ephesians are proud of it!

Leader—Yes, the old religion of Greece seemed very beautiful; but it did not teach people to be pure and good. It was strong and hard to overcome, and if Christianity had not been the true religion of the true God it could never have overcome it. Just watch those three or four lonely men on foot, stoned, persecuted—yet having faith in God, and keeping on, sure that Jesus Christ would win.

Junior reads Acts 19:23-41.

Leader—Paul sees that it is better for the Church at Ephesus for him to go away for a while. So we see him go over into Macedonia, again and stayed for three months, teaching and talking about Jesus and the new, good way He wanted people to live.

Junior—He has more helpers now, let's count—there are eight in all! They are keeping the Passover Feast at Philippi, and Paul reminds them that it was just at this time that Jesus Christ was crucified and rose from the dead.

Junior—Now Paul is at Troas, preaching in the upper room of a house, Oh, how closely they are packed in! Oh, something has happened—they are all running down stairs.

Junior reads Acts 20:7-12.

Leader—Then Paul visits other places and stops at Miletus, the seaport of Ephesus on his way home again.

Junior reads Acts 20:16-38.

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Junior Department

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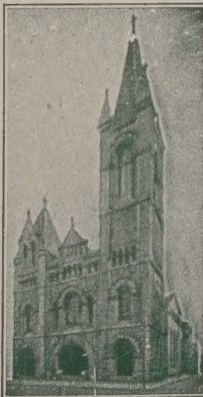
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